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Statement of Support for ACR6 By Nevada Brothel Association

TO: Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections
FROM: Suzette Cole, President, Nevada Brothel Association
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The Nevada Brothel Association generally supports Assembly Concurrent Resolution 6 (ACR6) calling for the creation of an interim legislative committee to study the working conditions in Nevada's licensed brothels.

However, the proposed resolution states that "The Nevada Legislature has an inherent interest in the health, safety and general welfare of *all workers in the State*, including sex workers in licensed brothels."

With that in mind, we respectfully suggest ACR6 be amended to direct the committee to also include the following...

- 1.) Study of the health, safety and general welfare of sex workers who are currently engaging in illegal sex work rather than working in a licensed brothel.
- 2.) Study of the comparative difference between sex work in legal brothels vs. engaging in such work in the illegal market and whether or not the current prohibition on legal brothels in counties with populations greater than 700,000 should be reconsidered.
- 3.) Study of advertising restrictions currently in place on legal brothels in contrast to the absence of such restrictions on other legal businesses in the state, including gaming, liquor, marijuana, gentleman's clubs, escort services, etc.

Lastly, we ask for consideration of an amendment to the bill stipulating that the make-up of the study committee include a majority of Members who represent counties in which legal brothels are currently operating.

Thank you for your consideration.

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