



April 1, 2021

RE: Testimony in **Opposition to Senate Bill 292** of the 2021 Nevada Legislature

Members of the Senate Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections:

On behalf of Republicans in the great State of Nevada, I would like to communicate our strong opposition of Senate Bill 292 (SB292).

Straight ticket voting used to be the de facto form of voting—in the smoke filled rooms and patronage payoffs of Democratic Tammany Hall. While Roberta Lange may desire to return to the politics of the 1900s, Republicans believe voters should have the freedom to make up their own minds.

The soft bigotry of low expectations that this bill embodies reveals the Democratic view of their voters. We believe voters are informed enough to select the best candidate for each office who aligns with their values and convictions, in free, fair, and transparent elections. This bill would return Nevada to a system that has been widely repealed, most recently in neighboring Utah this past year.

Straight ticket voting discourages voter engagement. Informed voters help improve the election process and ensure that the best candidate is elected to represent the concerns they have. Straight ticket voting disincentivizes voters to hold their elected officials accountable—the heart of our American system.

Finally, we would respectfully request that the members under litigation for a Constitutional violation of the separation of powers clause (Article 3, Section 1, Nevada Constitution) for their concurrent employment with government agencies while being state legislators—recuse themselves until the litigation is settled or they have fully resolved their violation of the Nevada Constitution.

The powers of the Government of the State of Nevada shall be divided into three separate departments, the Legislature, the Executive and the Judicial; and no person charged with the exercise of powers properly belonging to one of these departments shall exercise any functions, appertaining to either of the others, except in the cases expressly directed or permitted in this constitution. Nevada Const. Art. 3, §1, ¶1.

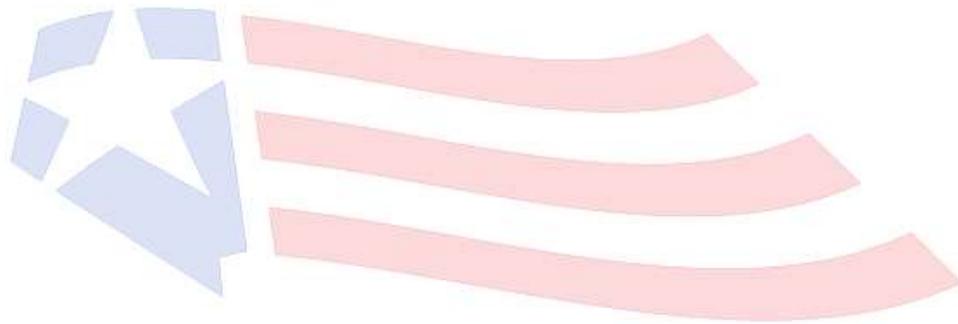
For these reasons, the Nevada Republican Party strongly opposes SB292.



Sincerely,

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Chairman Michael J. McDonald



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**REPUBLICAN PARTY**  
CHAIRMAN MICHAEL J. MCDONALD