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Nevada Senate Committee on Education  
C/O Chair Senator Moises Denis  
401 S Carson Street  
Carson City, NV 89701

**Re: Public Comment for February 3, 2021 Senate Education Hearing on SB83: Revises provisions relating to certain assessments. (BDR 34-527).**

The Clark County Education Association (CCEA) represents more than 18,000 licensed professionals in Clark County School District. We are the largest independent teacher's union in the country and in the State of Nevada. We engage in bipartisan advocacy for advancing public education in Nevada.

Students across Nevada have experienced distance education for nearly a full year, and many of these students have experienced inconsistent engagement in learning. Nevada must be responsive to the needs of Nevada's students to minimize the impact of educational inequities that have been exacerbated by the Covid-19 Pandemic. A pause or waiver of standardized testing, in accordance with federal guidelines, may help our educators put students' skill development at the forefront of their educations to ensure that every student has an opportunity to enter the workforce or to continue their educations.

Additionally, with the ability to waive or pause certain examinations and assessments, the State Department of Education can help educators prioritize the needs of their students without being bound to measurements of achievement and proficiency as prescribed by pre-pandemic times.

CCEA supports the work of this Committee moving forward with legislation responsive to the pandemic and are vehement supporters of ensuring that we do everything in our power to ensure students are given opportunities to succeed.

Respectfully,

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