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Nevada Senate Committee on Growth and Infrastructure
C/O Chair Dallas Harris
401 S Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701

**Re: Public Comment for SB430: Revises provisions governing the Nevada State Infrastructure Bank.
(BDR 35-1110)**

Hello and thank you, Committee Chairwoman Harris, and committee members. My name is Hawah Ahmad, and I am here representing the Clark County Education Association.

In 2020, CCEA commissioned and economic evaluation by the Anderson Economic Group (AEG) to determine ways to invest in existing industries to diversify our economy. In the report, it was found that Nevada created the State Infrastructure Bank in 2017 but failed to fund the bank. Today, CCEA is in support of the changes to the bank provided by SB430, though we still encourage this legislature to fund the bank. Nevada remains in the minority of states without a functioning infrastructure bank, without one, we are potentially missing out on federal transportation opportunities and utility infrastructure. CCEA believes the language in SB430 will provide much-needed support for the bank to get the bank off the ground to work towards an economically diverse Nevada.

For reference, we have put the Anderson Economic Group's Report and Executive Summary in as an exhibit. CCEA thanks the Office of the Governor for bringing this bill forward and eagerly await further supporting the economic diversification and development of Nevada, that includes a direct workforce pipeline from the K-20 education delivery system.

Respectfully,

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