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Office of the Governor

June 7, 2013

The Honorable Ross Miller
Secretary of State
Capitol Building
101 South Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701

RE: Senate Bill 312 of the 77th Legislative Session

Dear Secretary Miller:

I am herewith forwarding to you, for filing within the constitutional time limit and without my approval, Senate Bill 312, which is entitled:

AN ACT relating to driving under the influence; revising provisions concerning impact panels of victims of crimes involving driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

This bill makes the Department of Motor Vehicles responsible for regulating the organizations that sponsor and conduct victim impact panels. Organizations that want to sponsor victim impact panels must register with the Department and meet certain requirements.

Victim impact panels are exceedingly important. They provide much needed insight to those individuals convicted of driving under the influence of an intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance of the damage their behavior could or has caused victims of this crime. However, existing law already provides judges with the oversight of these panels. It is not clear how this new process will affect victim impact panels and there does not appear to be a compelling reason for the oversight of these organizations to be transferred from the judges to the Department of Motor Vehicles. Moreover, the bill provides that this new process is either in lieu of or in addition to the panels held under

the direct supervision of the judges which is either redundant or unnecessarily circumvents the power of the court. This bill may, unintentionally, serve to undermine the intent and process of victim impact panels. Because of these concerns, I veto this bill and return it to you without my signature and without my approval.

Sincere regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Sandoval", written over the printed name.

BRIAN SANDOVAL
Governor

Enclosure

cc: *Brian Krolicki, President of the Senate (without enclosure)*
The Honorable Moises Denis, Senate Majority Leader (without enclosure)
The Honorable Marilyn Kirkpatrick, Speaker of the Assembly (without enclosure)
David A. Byerman, Secretary of the Senate (without enclosure)
Susan Furlong, Chief Clerk of the Assembly (without enclosure)
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