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Nevada's Identity Caucuses Join Forces to Defend the Rights of All Nevadans and Condemn Federal Attacks

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Nevada, US– For the first time in Nevada's history, the Nevada Latino Legislative Caucus, Nevada Black Legislative Caucus, Nevada AANHPI Legislative Caucus, and the Nevada LGBTQ+ Legislative Caucus are joining forces to fight against the federal attacks that will impact the most vulnerable Nevadas.

From healthcare to immigration, the irresponsible funding and program cuts, along with other detrimental decisions made at the federal level are impacting Nevada in ways that could jeopardize our economy and the well-being of Nevadans. These cruel policies seek to undermine the dignity and rights of Nevadans and run counter to our shared values of freedom, fairness, and equality.

"Latinos and minorities in general are under attack at the national level and Latino Legislators will be working to protect Nevadans this legislative session," says **Assemblymember Cecelia González, Chair of the Nevada Latino Legislative Caucus**. *"We are focusing on policies that strengthen our economy, ensure affordable housing, provide equitable education, and prioritize the well-being of our families. Our platform addresses the urgent needs of our community under this new reality, such as the Student Safety and Protections Act, which restricts immigration enforcement on school grounds."*

"These attacks are part of a broader strategy to roll back civil rights and target marginalized communities. We will not be silent in the face of injustice," says **Assemblymember Howard Watts, Vice Chair of the Black Caucus**.

We urge our federal leaders to use the power of their offices to strengthen our communities by ensuring all Nevadans who contribute to our state are safe and protected from harsh decisions made in the Oval Office. We urge state and community leaders at every level to challenge federal intrusions, as the potential ramifications of the funding cuts can leave hundreds of thousands of Nevadans at risk and put people who rely on the government or the services we provide in life-or-death situations.

Across the country, transgender people—especially youth—are facing an onslaught of harmful policies from the federal government, including bans on transgender athletes, the erasure of nonbinary identities, restrictions on gender-affirming care, and discriminatory military directives. These cruel policies seek to undermine the dignity and rights of transgender people and run counter to our shared values of freedom, fairness, and equality.

*“As leaders in Nevada, we refuse to stand by while the federal government attempts to strip individuals of their basic rights,” says **Senator Melanie Scheible, Chair of the Nevada LGBTQ+ Legislative Caucus.** “No government should dictate how someone identifies or restrict their ability to thrive. Every person deserves to be recognized, respected, and protected—no exceptions.”*

These policies do not reflect the values of Nevadans. They ignore [scientific research](#), medical expertise, and the real experiences of transgender people who simply want to live their lives authentically and without fear. Decades of evidence show that [gender-affirming care saves lives](#), that transgender youth participating in sports [does not harm competition](#), and that policies excluding trans individuals from public life cause lasting harm.

The Nevada LGBTQ+ Legislative Caucus is proactively seeking to protect vulnerable Nevadans with bills like SB171 that aim to shield providers and allow them to continue to perform medically necessary gender-affirming care from legal threats coming from other jurisdictions. And SB141 to provide protections for trans folks when detained in jail.

*“Our communities know what it means to fight for equal rights, having fought for equal rights that have paved the way for the present, and for the future. As a member of the AANHPI community, I have seen the impacts of racism and xenophobia firsthand, and I believe it is incumbent upon all of us to stand up when there is injustice,” says **Assemblymember Duy Nguyen, Chair of the Nevada AANHPI Legislative Caucus.** “When one person is harmed in any community, all of us are harmed. We will continue to fight the good fight and stand in solidarity with our neighbors.”*

The four identity-based legislative caucuses stand together in condemning these federal actions and reaffirming their commitment to defending the rights of all Nevadans. Our state will not be a place where discrimination prevails. We will continue to fight for policies that uplift and protect all minority and underrepresented communities, ensuring they have the same rights and opportunities as everyone else.

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About the [Nevada Latino Legislative Caucus](#)

The Nevada Latino Legislative Caucus, comprised of nine members, is dedicated to promoting equality and embracing diversity within the state. The caucus empowers and uplifts Latino families through legislative initiatives supporting immigrant communities, healthcare workers, and mixed-status households. ^[OBJ]

About the [Nevada Black Legislative Caucus](#)

The Nevada Black Legislative Caucus seeks to increase African Americans' preparation, participation, and representation in state government. The caucus develops educational, research, and training programs to enhance its members' effectiveness in considering legislation that affects African Americans. ^[OBJ]

About the [Nevada Asian American and Pacific Islander \(AANHPI\) Legislative Caucus](#)

The Nevada AANHPI Legislative Caucus represents the interests of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities in Nevada. The caucus advocates for policies that promote equity, cultural recognition, and the well-being of AANHPI residents and ensures their voices are heard in the legislative process.

About the Nevada LGBTQ+ Legislative Caucus

The Nevada LGBTQ+ Legislative Caucus is committed to advancing the rights and protections of LGBTQ+ individuals across the state. The caucus works to enact inclusive policies, combat discrimination, and promote equality, striving to create a safe and supportive environment for all LGBTQ+ Nevadans.