



April 3, 2023

Senate Finance Committee
Chair, Senator Marylin Dondero Loop

Re: SUPPORT for SB 339

Honorable Chair Dondero Loop and Committee Members,

Educate Nevada Now (“ENN”), powered by The Rogers Foundation, is a nonpartisan education policy organization focused on ensuring all students have the resources they need to be successful, regardless of their background or zip code. On behalf of ENN, thank you for the opportunity to provide comment in support of SB 339, a bill that will provide educators with reimbursements for personal funds spent in their classrooms.

Educators should not have to dip into their own pockets to support student and classroom needs. Unfortunately, this is the norm for many teachers, particularly in Nevada where K-12 funding ranks near the bottom in the country. A recent [survey](#) by New York Times found that 94% of educators spend their own money on classroom resources, spending about \$500 per year, but up to \$1,000. This essentially amounts to a tax on those we rely on the most to shape our children’s future. Teachers deserve better.

We sincerely appreciate Chair Dondero Loop’s tireless commitment to students and educators, as well as the other sponsors of this important bill. ENN strongly supports SB 339 because our teachers deserve our support.

Respectfully,

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