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Dear Friends:

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to *Intersections: The 2017 Southern Nevada Youth Homelessness Summit*, an event that aims to bring community awareness to the prominent issue of youth homelessness in Southern Nevada. Our state tragically ranks first in the nation for unaccompanied homeless children and youth living unsheltered.



I recognize the need for events like these that not only address the issue, but also seek to find concrete and holistic solutions to one of our state's most pressing concerns. As Attorney General of Nevada, I started a campaign and helped pass a bill that increased the criminalization of sex trafficking, an issue that stems from youth homelessness. At the United States Senate, I have urged the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to continue providing resources that protect LGBTQ youth from housing discrimination, given that they make up 40% of the homeless youth. I will also continue to stand alongside our communities and be a proponent of solutions that safeguard and support all Nevada youth.

I would like to recognize all the local organizations and sponsors for their continued leadership in Southern Nevada and thank them for making this summit possible.

My best wishes on a successful event.

Sincerely,

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