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Dear Chairman Tiffany and Ranking Member Neguse:

Thank you for the opportunity to share my support for this critical legislation.

My name is Pamela Goynes-Brown and I'm honored to serve as the mayor of the City of North Las Vegas.

On behalf of myself and my more than 280,000 residents, I want to urge support for H.R. 1504, the Apex Area Technical Corrections Act.

I want to thank my Congressman, Steven Horsford, for authoring this critical legislation and the Committee for taking it under consideration.

Just in the past number of years, Apex has seen an increase in development activity from Global Brands significant to not just the vitalization of the City of North Las Vegas, but to the region as a whole. This bill is an important component to the continuation of the momentum in Apex.

Looking at a map, nearly 90% of Clark County is federally managed land. Few communities, if any of similar population to our region, exist in this context.

Understanding that many of these lands contribute to our national security, like Nellis Air Force Base, or conservation of our natural resources like Lake Mead, the growth occurring in my city, and in Clark County, it does create scarcity in terms of developable lands.

Know that the Apex Industrial Site is the best opportunity for large acre economic development in the region.

Expediting consideration and passage of this bill will allow for expansion of the economy and the creation of myriad long-term career opportunities in a historically underserved part of the community.

We are grateful for past Congressional action authorizing the creation of this industrial site decades ago, but this legislation is necessary to unlock the true potential by updating the planning and zoning authorities while maintaining environmental protections.

Passage has the added benefit of reducing the permitting work required by our local BLM office, which faces one of the most complex and challenging missions in the country.

Again, I want to thank Congressman Horsford for his leadership on this bipartisan bill and to this committee for allowing me to testify.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pamela Goynes-Brown". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P' and a long, sweeping underline.

Pamela Goynes-Brown
Mayor