

## **NSEA SUPPORT FOR SB224**

Date: March 1, 2019

To: Senate Committee on Government Affairs

Re: Support for Senate Bill 224 – Protecting Personal Information

The Nevada State Education Association represents teachers and education support professionals across the state. We believe every Nevada student deserves a high-quality public education.

**NSEA supports SB 224 to protect the personal information of members of NV PERS and asks for passage and implementation of the bill as soon as possible.**

NSEA appreciates this effort to protect the personal information of members of NV PERS. We know that many of our retired members are potential targets of identity theft, fraud, or some form of financial abuse. PERS members who have dedicated their working years to public service should have the type of retirement security to live the remainder of their lives with dignity and free from worry about intrusions into their personal life.

NSEA supports transparency and believes an accountable PERS system best services its members, public employees, and taxpayers. Protecting PERS recipients' information in no way jeopardizes PERS's accountability to the members who support and pay into the system and to whom PERS has kept its promise of a fair retirement system for decades.