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## Commission on Postsecondary Education

To: Kelly Gregory

From: David Perlman, Administrator

Subject: National Laser Institute

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Attached please find comments I would like to be made part of the hearing of the June 3, 2008, Work Session of the Legislative Committee on Health Care.

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## Comments to the Subcommittee on Health Care June 3, 2008

My name is David Perlman and I am the administrator for the Nevada Commission on Postsecondary Education. The Commission regulates the private postsecondary schools operating in Nevada.

During the November 7, 2007 Commission meeting, a negative recommendation was made to the Commission regarding the application of David Silberman and National Laser Institute. The negative recommendation was based on review of his curriculum which found that the training was inadequate for novices and should be limited to individuals with prior medical training and experience. The reviewer also found that safety practices should be enhanced.

Mr. Silberman operates similar training in Arizona and a check with the Arizona authorities was favorable. The school was granted provisional licensure during February 6, 2008, Commission meeting, against the recommendation of staff because the curriculum changes made by Mr. Silberman were still under review. Subsequently, the reviewer found that changes made by Mr. Silberman still did not address the issue of a prospective student having prior medical/science experience.

The Commission has historically been put at the forefront of training programs that no other board oversees and has to rely on knowledgeable individuals to provide curriculum guidance – massage, phlebotomy, sonography and now laser treatment – and the results have not always been successful. Standards in place by other boards can preclude this.

As administrator, it is my opinion that strong standards should be put in place for training individual who will provide laser therapies.