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Dear Chair and members of the Sunset Committee of the Legislative Commission:

First of all, I would like to apologize for not being able to attend today's meeting. I had prior commitments and was unable to rearrange my schedule. In my absence, Merle Lok, the Executive Director of the Oriental Medicine Board, is in attendance and will be presenting the Board update and will be able to answer questions.

As you are aware, I was appointed to the Oriental Medicine Board in July of 2016. Since that time, I believe we have made progress in creating a Board that is responsive to the needs of the Oriental Medicine community, a board committed to improving relationships with other Boards including the Chiropractic Board and the Board of Physical Therapy. We have met and had discussions with both of these boards on subjects of mutual interest. We have a working relationship with the Department of Human Services to ensure that matters of public safety are addressed. We have established a positive working relationship with Wongu University, the Oriental Medicine School in Nevada. In the last year, five Oriental Medicine doctors have been licensed by the Board after passing the state examination. We have been addressing the concerns regarding the state examination by hiring a professional exam writer to write questions and also have a professional examination reviewer look at the examination to make sure the exam questions are fair and balanced.

We are in the process of reviewing NAC 634A to address issues that require changes to better serve the Oriental Medicine profession and the public.

We supported the legislation requested by this committee and had testimony at the hearings stating such.

The Board of Oriental Medicine appreciates the interest and assistance of the Sunset Committee to achieve the shared goal of a functioning, progressive and productive Oriental Medicine profession.

Thank you for your time and attention. If you have need of further information, we will be happy to provide it.

Sincerely,

Dr. Maggie Tracey, O.M.D.  
President, Nevada State Board of Oriental Medicine

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