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Dear Chancellor Reilly and Regent Page:

I would like to sincerely thank the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) for its assistance during the compressed schedule of the Committee to Conduct a Study Concerning the Cost and Affordability of Higher Education. We conducted four meetings filled with substantive presentations, several of which were provided by your staff.

At the June 4, 2018, meeting, the Committee voted to send this letter. The Committee recognizes the need for health professionals and other skilled individuals in our rural and underserved communities in Nevada. We also understand that student debt is a concern. Therefore, we discussed the need to promote the current loan forgiveness programs available from federal and state entities to students at all NSHE institutions. I am writing on behalf of the Committee to encourage NSHE to promote all available student loan forgiveness programs, including those that require public service in rural and underserved populations.

Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation. Please feel free to contact me or Jennifer Ruedy, Committee Policy Analyst (jruedy@lcb.state.nv.us or 775/684-6825), if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,

Assembly Member Amber Joiner, Chair
Committee to Conduct a Study Concerning
the Cost and Affordability of Higher Education

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