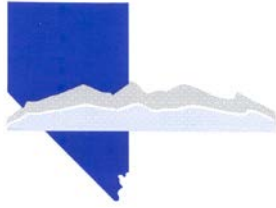


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Assemblywoman Lesley E. Cohen,  
Chair, Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults With Special Needs  
2657 Windmill Parkway, Number 415  
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Dear Chair Cohen:

The Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum was created to identify and act upon issues of importance to aging persons as set forth in *Nevada Revised Statutes* 427A.320. At its final meeting on October 9, 2018, the Forum voted unanimously to send you a letter expressing the Forum's support for the continued review and study of training programs implemented by certain homes and facilities, as required by Assembly Bill 299 (Chapter 279, *Statutes of Nevada* 2017).

At multiple meetings during the past interim, the Forum addressed Nevada's need for a qualified geriatric care workforce. It evaluated issues concerning the limited professional caregiver workforce and the impact of low reimbursement rates. The Forum heard testimony from staff of the Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults With Special Needs regarding the committee's recommendation to continue a review and study on training for employees in certain homes and facilities. Trained and sufficiently compensated employees are crucial in preventing seniors from experiencing physical and mental abuse, financial exploitation, and negligent or subpar care.

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I appreciate your time and consideration of this recommendation and hope the Committee's continued study will benefit not only seniors in need of quality care, but also other frail or disabled individuals in our state. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or the Forum Coordinator, Patrick B. Ashton ([patrick.ashton@lcb.state.nv.us](mailto:patrick.ashton@lcb.state.nv.us)).

Sincerely,

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