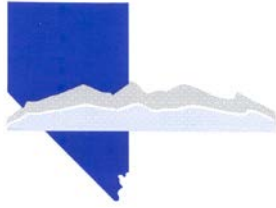


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Dear Chair Ratti and Chair Sprinkle:

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 legislation regarding residential facilities for groups, community-based living arrangements, and certain unregulated residential facilities as proposed by the Legislative Committee on Health Care at its meeting on September 24, 2018 (bill draft request 40-526).

The Committee proposed legislation to direct the Department of Health and Human Services to: (1) review unlicensed group homes, ensuring quality and safety protections to safeguard vulnerable populations; (2) evaluate the impact of overregulation; and (3) broaden the definition of a referral agency in NRS 449.0305 by expanding the licensing requirement to additional business types.

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I appreciate your time and consideration of this recommendation. Please do not hesitate to contact me or the Forum Coordinator, Patrick B. Ashton (patrick.ashton@lcb.state.nv.us), if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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