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John A. Yacenda, Ph.D., M.P.H., P.A.H.M. Former President Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum 401 S. Carson Street Carson City, Nevada 89701-4747

Dear Dr. Yacenda:

Per your letter to DHHS Director Whitley dated December 26, 2018, we appreciate you taking the time to let us know your thoughts on how HCQC can support and promote growth in the numbers of Adult Day Care (ADC) facilities in Nevada. DPBH administration understands that need and agrees that without sufficient ADC facilities, family caregivers cannot get adequate breaks and end up more stressed and burned out.

We agree to address the two courses of action referenced in your letter pertaining to HCQC. We will work with stakeholders to convene a group of Nevada ADC providers to review the regulations governing the ADC industry.

We appreciate the work you do and your concern for family caregivers of people who have disabilities or are frail and elderly!

Sincerely,

Julie Kotchevar, Ph.D.

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