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To: [Interim Finance Committee](#)
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Dear Members of the Interim Finance Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts via email regarding money allocation of ARP funds.

There are so many needs, and I cannot imagine the challenge of making these kinds of decisions. Perhaps the typical email you might receive from NSHE faculty/staff/other is to fully restore the PEBP plan health insurance, benefits, and premiums to what they were prior to the pandemic. I recognize that there are thousands (and thousands) of people that have suffered loss through sweeping reductions in this area.

Those of us in my apartment complex who had been paying rent faithfully during the pandemic found ourselves shocked recently when a letter was delivered that the one-bedroom rent would go up almost \$200/month and the two-bedroom rent is almost \$300 more. Expecting an increase, yes...expecting that...no.

I am not as comfortable speaking for "everyone" when it comes to our benefits, healthcare packages, etc., as I am one person sharing my own personal and professional thoughts. I am not charged with representing anyone else in a formal way. What I would speak to (at my own personal level) is a **request to please return the life insurance that was taken away this year.** I understand healthcare costs are difficult to control. To expect those to never go up does not seem realistic to me.

While I'm sure we all would like lower healthcare costs, I appreciate the benefits I do have. I can also appreciate the needs that tens of thousands of Nevadans have in the overall area of healthcare. In terms of impact to me, personally, the cut in the life insurance scares me. I have an executor/beneficiary who, at the time of my death (not anytime soon, I would hope), has instructions for how to take care of any/all existing bills, debts, etc. so that I die as I have lived--being faithful to paying my bills and pulling my own weight. I even have arrangements for them to pay off my student loan if there is a balance at that time. Life insurance, for me, provides me a security that allows me to keep my attention on the now, knowing that I have everything taken care of later. It seems a small thing in the grand scheme, I'm sure.

On another note, anything the IFC can do to help my students...CSN students...would be appreciated re: allocation of funds. I do speak on their behalf in something like this because they often do not have adequate voice to do so. It may sound odd in this email, but I know that the CCSD also has hundreds (and hundreds) of very dedicated teachers, staff, etc. who work in challenging situations every day. Our kids in the K-12 as well as those who have committed themselves to staying the course to educate them also have needs. It's not just

about me or even NSHE. ***Everyone needs a little help now and then.*** So, any assistance your committee can provide is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Any allocation/benefit that might be provided will be received with gratefulness.

Sincerely,

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