

Dear Interim Health and Human Services Committee,

My name is Nicole Talton. I am a senior Public Health student at the University of Nevada, Reno. I would like to express my support for agenda item VIII for the implementation efforts of behavioral supports in schools through the multi tiered systems of support framework. Providing support and creating an environment that is inclusive to all students is crucial in making them feel safe and heard. When I was a teen, having a supportive group of people I felt understood what I was going through was important and made me feel like I wasn't alone in my experiences. So, being thoughtful about what support we are providing for our children today is important for their mental health.

Thank you for your time and for investing in Nevada's children and families.

Nicole Talton