

October 18, 2022

Senator Moises Denis
401 S. Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701-4747

RE: Item #144 ARPA list

Senator Denis,

On behalf of the 65 member hospitals of the Nevada Hospital Association, please accept this letter of support for the development of the Nevada Transplant Institute.

Item #114 on the ARPA list of spending requests provides \$15 million for the Nevada Transplant Institute. This is an important project for the state. Many Nevadans leave the state each year and re-locate for months at a time to be close to a transplant facility. That is a huge burden on those 600 plus Nevadans waiting for a transplant, and it's an even bigger sacrifice for their families.

The \$15 million requested of the State will be a crucial part of the \$35 million campaign called "End the Wait" that the Nevada Donor Network Foundation (NDNF) established to develop the transplant institute in Nevada. This funding will expand the current kidney transplant program at UMC in Las Vegas and will also create a new liver transplant program in its initial two years. The NDNF, in partnership with Nevada Donor Network (NDN) and Nevada hospitals statewide will recruit qualified physicians, nurses and support staff to Nevada to implement a successful transplant program. It is estimated that within 12 months, this program will be fully operational and self-sustaining by month 25. Nevada residents will no longer have to seek life-saving care in surrounding states. Patients will be evaluated locally, transplanted locally, and cared for locally.

The Nevada Transplant Institute has the potential to transform our entire healthcare system. Not only will it benefit Nevadans who need organ transplants, but it will also attract more specialized healthcare professionals. It will foster medical research and help grow Nevada's economic development efforts in healthcare.

Thank you in advance for your support of item #114.

Very truly yours,



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