

Good morning Nevada Youth League –

I am writing in support of Ms. Stella Thornton's bill BDR 17. Ms. Thornton is one of my students and patients in our facility. I personally aided Ms. Thornton in the development of the details surrounding the bill and as a state, we are working to establish more rigorous criteria for return-to-learn and return-to-play. Our lab currently serves the community by providing reliable and valid testing for sport-related and non-sport-related concussions for northern Nevada. I currently serve on the sports medicine committee for the NIAA and we are working on adopting new procedures to help our student-athletes and others from additional harm following the concussions. The management of concussion is extremely complicated and requires substantial time/effort and investment from multiple stakeholders. Ms. Thornton's bill is a critical next step in allowing us to re-evaluate how we manage brain injuries.

Please carefully consider her request for bill BDR 17.

Regards,

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