



February 13, 2026

Nevada State Legislature
Joint Interim Committee on Health and Human Services
401 South Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701

RE: Committee Meeting February 17, 2026

Submitted via email to HHSInterim@lcb.state.nv.us

Dear Chair Brown-May, Vice Chair Doñate, and Members of the Committee:

Act4Kids Nevada submits this testimony in support of policies and programs that provide equitable access to comprehensive healthcare for Nevada youth and families. We would support legislation to create or expand the programs detailed in agenda items IV, VI and VII which would improve existing pediatric and maternal healthcare sectors, while bettering overall health.

Nevada's pediatric health system is fragmented, siloed, grossly under-resourced, and desperately underfunded. The family voice has historically been left out of healthcare conversations and Act4Kids Nevada is proud to represent the needs of children and families. Utilizing a multi-pronged approach in forming a statewide safety net for the health and well-being of all children, we advocate for policies that address pediatric healthcare as a comprehensive system, we support existing programs doing critical work in maternal and child health, and we push for new regulations that move us closer to comprehensive healthcare for all youth.

Together, we can send generations of Nevada youth into adulthood as their healthiest selves!

Sincerely,

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