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Dear Members of the Legislative Commission,

I am writing to express my earnest support for the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners' regulations regarding Transitional Limited Physician (TLP) licensure, scheduled for your agenda on September 24, 2026. As a fully qualified physician applying for this program, I have met all necessary competencies and am eager to begin practicing.

At the same time, I want to emphasize that patient safety is my absolute priority. I fully respect the necessary legislative due process and deeply trust the Board's diligence in crafting rules that protect the public. The Board has established a rigorous yet fair framework, and I have complete confidence that their guidelines will ensure that only highly competent care is delivered to Nevada residents.

The need for these regulations to be enacted is urgent. Data from the American Medical Association ranks Nevada 45th in the nation for active physicians per capita. Healthcare leaders estimate that our state faces a severe shortage of roughly 2,500 physicians, leaving families to wait months for standard appointments. By utilizing the talents of legally present, underemployed, foreign-trained medical professionals, the TLP licensure program offers a highly practical solution to expand healthcare access immediately.

While I await your final decision, I look forward to the opportunity to serve our community in the Primary Care setting in the future years to come. These regulations provide the exact safe, structured path needed for doctors like myself to step in and relieve the immense burden on Nevada's clinics and hospitals. I respectfully urge the Legislative Commission to approve these regulations at your upcoming meeting so that I, and other qualified applicants, can officially and safely begin serving Nevada patients.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and dedication to safeguarding public health while expanding access to quality care.

Sincerely,

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