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The Honorable Brian Sandoval
Governor of Nevada
101 North Carson Street, Suite 1
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Dear Governor Sandoval:

At its final meeting on August 24, 2016, the Legislative Committee on Health Care (*Nevada Revised Statutes* 439B.200) unanimously voted to send you a letter to express support for and urge continuation of a \$5.25 million annual budget appropriation for graduate medical education in each year of the 2017–2019 Biennium.

The Committee heard testimony at multiple meetings related to the importance of graduate medical education in improving the health care workforce in Nevada. Currently, more students graduate from medical school in Nevada than in-State residency training slots can accommodate—making Nevada a net exporter of medical school graduates. Enabling medical school graduates to finish their training in Nevada is critical to improving the workforce. Data show that 68 percent of residents choose to live and practice where they complete medical school and residency training.

Continuing to appropriate funding to expand graduate medical education will help fund additional training slots in both new and existing medical school programs. As new medical schools open, and in an effort to address the shortage of health care providers, it is important to ensure that sufficient in-State training opportunities are available.

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Thank you very much for considering this recommendation. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at James.Oscarson@asm.state.nv.us, or Committee Policy Analyst Megan Comlossy at megan.comlossy@lcb.state.nv.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Oscarson", written over the printed name below.

Assemblyman James Oscarson, Chair
Legislative Committee on Health Care

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