



**To the Nevada State Legislature,**

I am writing on behalf of the Student Government Association at Great Basin College to express our strong support for the legislation that would help to repay the student education loans of qualified providers of healthcare who work in underserved communities. As the SGA President and someone that works in healthcare, I have come to understand the critical role that healthcare providers play in ensuring the well-being of communities, especially those that are underserved.

One of the significant challenges facing healthcare providers who want to work in underserved communities, like many in Nevada, is the burden of student loan debt. According to the Association of American Medical Colleges, the average debt for medical school graduates in 2020 was \$241,600. This burden can be challenging for those who choose to work in underserved communities, where salaries may be lower than in other areas.

The proposed legislation to repay student education loans for healthcare providers working in underserved communities would go a long way in addressing this issue. By easing the financial burden of student loans, this legislation would help to attract more healthcare providers to stay in Nevada, where their services are most needed. This, in turn, would improve access to healthcare for many Nevadans who might otherwise go without it.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the members of the Nevada State Legislature for taking the time to consider this new legislation. It is essential that we invest in the future of our healthcare system by providing opportunities for education and training, and by valuing the critical work of those who provide care to vulnerable populations. Thank you for considering this important issue, and for your dedication to promoting health equity for all.

Sincerely,

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