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Joseph Filippi Jr.
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Patient Protection Commission
Nevada Department of Health and Human Services
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Dear Mr. Filippi and Patient Protection Commissioners,

We appreciate this opportunity to weigh in on the valuable work that the PPC has done this year. I applaud you on compiling the significant list of recommendations that are up for your consideration, and for what feels to many of us as a renewed commitment to transparency and public input throughout this process. Nevada Rural Hospital Partners supports many of these items and are hopeful that several can be combined in your three bill draft requests. In advance of tomorrow's work session, we wanted to send this letter to indicate our specific support for several of the items on your Work Session Document.

Specifically, we are proud to support the recommendation to provide funding and support for a Nevada Nurse Workforce Center, to serve as a hub to advance nursing education, practice, leadership, workforce development, and policy. As you know, NRHP has worked closely with the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services to implement a Nursing Apprenticeship Program which has yielded incredible results in only two short years. I strongly believe that Nevada having its own State Nursing Workforce Center would only build upon the successes of the NAP program, in building an adequate pipeline for nurses in the State of Nevada.

Sincerely,

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