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Assembly Commerce and Labor Committee
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RE: AB56

Dear Chair Marzola and Members of the Committee,

The Nevada State Medical Association (NSMA) is the oldest and largest patient and physician advocacy organization in the state. Upon initial feedback from our members, NSMA offers these comments regarding AB56.

We recognize the significant challenges that physicians in our state face, particularly the growing burdens on those in private practice. As such, any efforts to reduce these burdens are deeply appreciated. We strongly support the much-needed reforms to the continuing medical education (CME) format proposed in AB56.

This streamlined approach:

- Provides much-needed clarity regarding CME requirements for physicians,
- Offers greater flexibility, allowing physicians to select CMEs that are valuable and relevant to their individual practice, and
- Remains committed to highlighting essential education topics identified by the legislature that are of particular importance to our state.

We are grateful to the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners for its proactive engagement with our physician members and for taking steps to implement these meaningful reforms. However, NSMA has concerns regarding the proposed increases in physician fees under AB56.

NSMA remains committed to the highest standards of patient care and safety, and one of our core principles is the preservation of the physician-led healthcare team. With the significant challenges surrounding access to healthcare in our state, it is essential that we focus on expanding the physician workforce while addressing the burdens that may discourage current physicians from staying in Nevada.

A proposed 50% increase in registration fees could create a barrier to physician growth. We know that this session brings forth many proposals relating to the licensing boards, and while many details still need to be worked out in that regard, we are in whole agreement with the ultimate goal of reducing licensing fees for all Nevadans.

We acknowledge that the maximum fee schedule for physicians has not been adjusted in some time, and while we understand the rationale for considering fee increases, we urge that any proposals or increases be carefully crafted to support Nevada's broader goal of expanding our physician workforce and easing the burdens on current providers.

NSMA remains committed to collaborating with the bill's sponsors and working toward solutions that improve healthcare access for all Nevadans, while creating a more favorable environment for our dedicated physicians to continue delivering high-quality care.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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