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Good Afternoon Committee Members,

My name is Tara Raines and I am Deputy Director of the Children's Advocacy Alliance. I am also a licensed psychologist in Nevada. CAA is an independent voice for Nevada's children advancing systemic change in the areas of early childhood education, children's health and child welfare. We achieve public policy wins through collaboration and collective impact within the community to ensure every child in Nevada thrives.

We believe that all Nevadans deserve high quality healthcare. That is why it was alarming for us to see the removal of key aspects of continuing education from **AB56 as proposed**. **As proposed, we oppose AB56**. Requiring ongoing training in cultural competence, suicide prevention, and substance use disorders supports health equity in Nevada. We know Nevada's children and families need providers who understand and honor their diverse experience and see how it intersects with medical or psychiatric presentations. We also know that Nevada's children and families need providers who are committed to coursework and continuing education that ensures they have the most up to date knowledge regarding how to interact with clients from diverse backgrounds. Without this training, we risk widening health disparities and leaving vulnerable families without the care they deserve.

We were heartened to hear the response from legislators supporting changes to the bill that would continue to require training in these specific areas to support the health of all Nevadans. We strongly encourage you to **keep these training requirements mandated** for all medical licensees in Nevada to ensure every child and family has access to well-trained, informed, and compassionate providers.

We are happy to partner in any way possible to promote this critical aspect of health equity.

Warm Regards,

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