



Dear Members of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services,

I am writing on behalf of Native Voters Alliance Nevada in support of Senate Bill 182. My husband is a first responder. He's worked in hospitals, on ambulances, and now in the field, responding to emergencies where seconds can mean the difference between life and death. He sees, firsthand, what happens when hospitals don't have enough staff to keep up with the needs of their patients. I've seen it too.

This isn't just policy—it's personal.

In 2018, my dad spent two months in UMC's ICU. What saved his life wasn't hospital policies or profit margins—it was a dedicated team of nurses who kept him alive, cared for him during the scariest time of my life, and made sure my family and I felt safe when everything else felt uncertain.

And now, in 2025, my family is here again—this time as my dad faces the biggest fight for his life. And once again, it's going to be the nurses who keep him alive and healthy. These nurses show up for us when we need them most. Now, it's time we show up for them.

SB 182 is about ensuring hospitals have the staff they need to provide the care every patient deserves. It's about making sure that no nurse is stretched so thin that patient safety is compromised. And it's about holding hospitals accountable when they fail to meet the most basic standard of care.

When we protect nurses, we protect patients, families, and lives.

A hui hou,

/s/ **Mathilda Guerrero Miller, MPPA**

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