



Testimony in Support of Nevada Senate Bill 124

Chairperson, esteemed members of the committee,

My name is Eddie Diaz. I am the Strategic Director for The LIBRE Initiative Nevada, one of the largest Latino organizations dedicated to empowering the Hispanic community in Nevada and across the nation.

On behalf of The LIBRE Initiative, I am here to express our strong support for Senate Bill 124 .

Senate Bill 124 addresses a critical need in our health care system by providing for the limited licensure of certain foreign physicians. Nevada faces a significant shortage of health care professionals, a challenge that disproportionately affects our Hispanic communities.

This bill will enhance access to care by allowing qualified foreign-trained physicians to practice under a limited license. By bringing more physicians into underserved areas, this bill will ensure that Hispanic families receive timely and culturally competent medical attention.

Additionally, the bill will diversify the health care work force by incorporating physicians from diverse backgrounds and fostering a more inclusive healthcare environment, ultimately leading to improved patient outcomes.

Finally, the bill will strengthen community trust by allowing patients to seek care from providers who understand their cultural nuances and promoting healthier communities.

In conclusion, The LIBRE Initiative believes that the enactment of SB 124 will significantly benefit Nevada's Hispanic community by improving health care access. We respectfully urge the committee to support this bill and advance them through the legislative process without delay.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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