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Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor
Nevada State Legislature
401 S. Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701

RE: Letter of Support for Senate Bill 97 – Expanding Access to the Silver State Health Insurance Exchange

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of Cure 4 The Kids Foundation, Nevada's only nonprofit pediatric cancer and rare disease treatment center, I am writing to express our strong support for Senate Bill 97 (SB97). This vital legislation takes a significant step toward expanding access to health plans offered on the Silver State Health Insurance Exchange to all individuals—regardless of immigration status—who would otherwise qualify.

For nearly two decades, Cure 4 The Kids Foundation has served Nevada's most medically complex and vulnerable children. Through our Charity Care Program, we ensure that no child is turned away due to an inability to pay or lack of insurance. A growing number of the children we treat, including those with cancer, genetic disorders, and other rare diseases, are undocumented or come from mixed-status families. SB97 would help these families access coverage through the Exchange, allowing them to participate in the health care system without relying solely on charity or emergency care.

This policy not only aligns with our values—it supports long-term sustainability and health equity across our state. By authorizing the Executive Director of the Exchange to pursue a federal waiver, SB97 offers a pathway to coverage that is both compassionate and cost-effective. It would alleviate pressure on Nevada's charitable care infrastructure and allow providers like Cure 4 The Kids to focus on delivering consistent, coordinated care with appropriate reimbursement.

We applaud the intent of SB97 and the leadership it demonstrates in ensuring that every child in Nevada—regardless of background—has a fair opportunity to live a healthy life. We urge your support of this bill and stand ready to assist in any way we can as it moves forward.

Sincerely,

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