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Senator Edgar Flores, Chair  
Senate Government Affairs  
Nevada Legislature  
via SenGa@sen.state.nv.us

RE: Support for SB156

Dear Chair Flores,

On behalf of the 290 pediatrician members of the Nevada Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), I write in support for SB156.

The Nevada AAP supports establishing the Office for the Prevention of Gun Violence to implement a comprehensive public-health strategy aimed at reducing firearm injuries and deaths among children and youth. Similar approaches have been effective in other public-health issues, such as reducing motor vehicle-related injuries, showing a significant return on investment.

Motor vehicle crashes were once the leading cause of death among young people, but in 2017, firearms took that position. Guns are now the primary cause of death for U.S. children and teens under 18. Improved data infrastructure and research are essential to understand firearm violence risks and protective factors.

Any death from gun violence impacts families and communities. The Office for the Prevention of Gun Violence is important to study and implement solutions that can reduce these injuries and deaths.

Pediatricians, as the most comprehensively trained providers of pediatric care, possess the expertise to oversee, coordinate, and manage the full spectrum of healthcare—from diagnosis through all stages of treatment and across various practice settings. My role is to facilitate connections between physician leaders at the Nevada AAP and our legislators, ensuring that you are informed about the latest evidence-based practices in pediatric care as you make crucial policy decisions for our state.

Thank you for considering this important legislation,

Lee D. McAllister