

Good morning, Chair or Vice Chair and members of the Committee,

My name is Annette Logan-Parker, Founder of Cure 4 The Kids Foundation, and I'm here in strong support of SB234—legislation that directly impacts the financial solvency of programs like ours, who are already delivering care to undocumented children with life-threatening conditions.

We're not asking for permission to begin treating these children—we've been doing that for years as the only childhood cancer center in southern NV- there is no one else to do it. What we are asking for is a smarter, more efficient, and cost-effective way to continue doing it *together*.

Federal law already requires our healthcare system to treat undocumented patients—but only once they are so sick that are at risk for imminent death. That's not only causing massive crisis management—it's far more expensive.

By the time a child reaches that point, we've missed our chance to intervene in a way that's both clinically and financially responsible.

SB234 offers a better path forward. It allows for early, coordinated care that helps prevent costly hospitalizations, ICU stays, and emergency interventions.

Treating Early Saves Money...

- When undocumented children can't access care until they're in full crisis, the human toll is devastating—and the financial burden is even greater.
- We've had children come to us with late-stage cancer, when care could have been safely and affordably delivered in an outpatient setting months earlier.
- SB234 is a cost-saving measure for the state. Medicaid is already paying for this care—just in the most inefficient and expensive way possible.

Philanthropy Can't Sustain This Forever

For years, we've relied on private philanthropy to fill this gap. But donors are growing fatigued—many tell us this is a safety-net responsibility that should be shared by the state. Philanthropy helped build the bridge, but it was never meant to carry the full weight of systemic inaction.

SB234 is a practical, fiscally responsible solution to a real and growing problem. This bill is *not* about expanding services to undocumented individuals—it's about ensuring that children under the age of 21 get the care they need early, before they become a greater and avoidable burden on the Medicaid system.

I respectfully urge your support.

