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Monday, May 26, 2025

Assemblymember Daniele Monroe-Moreno
Chair, Assembly Ways and Means
Nevada Legislature
via AsmWM@asm.state.nv.us

RE: Support for AB331

Dear Chair Monroe-Moreno,

On behalf of the pediatrician members of the Nevada Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), I write in support for AB331.

The data collected by the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBS) developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is critically important for adolescent healthcare work, policy development, and advocacy.

Take for example the "[Guidelines for Adolescent Depression in Primary Care: \(GLAD-PC\): Part I. Practice Preparation, Identification, Assessment, and Initial Management,](#)" and "[Guidelines for Adolescent Depression in Primary Care: \(GLAD-PC\): Part II. Treatment and Ongoing Management,](#)" published in March 2018. These guidelines equip physicians to tackle mental health issues in the child's primary-care medical home. The need for such guidelines was identified by the YRBS, among other research, which showed that as many as one in every five teens experience depression at some point during adolescence, but they often go undiagnosed and untreated, sometimes because of a lack of access to mental health specialists. The YRBS data helps the CDC and AAP decide where to invest resources to improve children's health.

The AAP, as a leading professional organization for pediatricians, understands the vital role of robust surveillance data like that provided by the YRBS in guiding evidence-based public health interventions and improving health outcomes for young people. For pediatricians in Nevada, having Nevada-specific data, equips them to take national guidelines and specify them even further for the unique needs of Nevada youth.

The YRBS is an indispensable tool for understanding and addressing the complex health challenges facing adolescents in the United States.

Thank you for considering this important legislation,

Lee McAllister

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