



To: The Honorable Fabian Doñate, Chair
 The Honorable Tracy Brown-May, Chair
 Joint Committee on Health and Human Services

From: Kelly McNeil, Executive Director

Re: Testimony in Support of Nevada Senate Bill 495 (SB495)

Date: Tuesday, May, 27, 2025, 1:30 p.m., Room 4100

Dear Chair Doñate, Chair Brown-May and esteemed Members of the Senate and Assembly Committees on Health and Human Services:

My name is Kelly McNeil, and I serve as the CEO and Executive Director of the Nevada League of Cities. I am writing today to express our strong support for Senate Bill 495 (SB495), a comprehensive legislative measure aimed at enhancing health care access, workforce development, and mental health services across Nevada.

The Nevada League of Cities believes that SB495 will have a positive impact on municipalities by:

- **Enhancing Health Care Access:** Addressing provider shortages and streamlining credentialing processes will improve residents' access to timely and quality health care services.
- **Supporting Mental Health:** Establishing the Office of Mental Health will provide focused efforts to address mental health challenges in our communities.
- **Strengthening the Workforce:** Investments in graduate medical education and flexible workforce policies will help build a robust health care workforce to meet local needs.

SB495 represents a strategic investment in Nevada's health care infrastructure and workforce. By supporting this bill, we are taking significant steps toward building healthier, more resilient communities across the state.

The Nevada League of Cities urges the committee to support SB495 and facilitate its passage. We are committed to collaborating with state and local stakeholders to implement these reforms effectively.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kelly McNeil". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kelly McNeil

Executive Director

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