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State Board of Health  
Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health  
4150 Technology way, Suite 300  
Carson City, NV 89706

**RE: SUPPORT for Amendments to Chapter 457 of Nevada Administrative Code (NAC), Reporting Information on Cancer**

Dear Members of the Nevada State Board of Health:

The proposed amendments to NAC 457 are required to 1) address the changes made to NRS 457 during the 2015 legislative session, and 2) update and align Nevada's cancer data reporting with national standards. The proposed amendments represent a two-year collaborative effort of the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Nevada Cancer Coalition, hospitals, providers, and researchers.

Currently, Nevada lacks both cancer data quantity and quality - meaning we are not compiling a true picture of our total cancer burden – this impacts our state's ability to identify cancer trends, appropriately allocate resources for cancer prevention and care, and quickly address emerging issues. As currently written, Nevada's regulations do not meet the standards of the CDC National Program of Cancer Registries (NPCR), through which it receives funding, nor standards and guidelines as determined by the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries (NAACCR).

There are a number of key components addressed by these amendments including:

1. Simplifying outdated language and lists by adopting and referencing the most current versions of national and international standards and reference manuals, thus eliminating the need to revise NAC 457 each time a national requirement is added or changed.
2. Clarifying required reporters and the means by which each will report.
3. Removing the criminal penalty for violation of NRS 457.250 and establishing instead an administrative penalty.
4. Removing the fee imposed on required reporters for submitting an abstract to the registry.

The adoption of these regulations strengthens Nevada's ability to accurately and more swiftly address cancer – both for those battling this disease today and in effort to reduce the burden of cancer for our future generations.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director