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Ms. Torrez,

Please consider this a letter of interest for membership on the Nevada Rare Disease Advisory Council (NV-RDAC). I truly appreciate Council Chair Annette Logan-Parker nominating me for this important position. I believe my background will make me a worth addition to the NV-RDAC.

I obtained my MD from the University of California, Irvine in 1976. I completed my internship, residency, and Pediatric Cardiology fellowship at the Children's Hospital Los Angeles and am board certified in Pediatrics and Pediatric Cardiology.

I am the founder and Co-Director of Children's Heart Center Nevada (CHCN), the only congenital cardiology practice in Nevada with 17 cardiologists and approximately 100 support staff. CHCN is one of the five largest congenital cardiology practices in the United States encompassing fetal cardiology, interventional cardiology, electrophysiology, adult congenital cardiology, congenital cardiac surgery, pediatric obesity, and basic science research programs.

In 1980, I became the first Southern Nevada-based pediatric cardiologist. I am a past Chief of Staff and past Chief of Pediatrics at Sunrise Hospital. I am the Founder and Past President of the Las Vegas Pediatric Society, Past President of the Western Society of Pediatric Cardiology (12 western states) and a member of the Clark County Medical Society, the American Society of Echocardiography, Western Society of Pediatric Research, American Osler Society, and the American Association for the History of Medicine. I am also a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American College of Cardiology.

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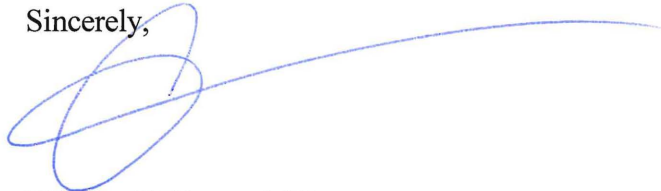
I have been a Clinical Professor of Pediatrics with the University of Nevada, Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine (Las Vegas) since 2017 and was a Professor of Pediatrics with the University of Nevada, School of Medicine (Reno) from 2001-2017. I have trained countless residents and medical students. I have published and presented over 240 medical articles and abstracts as well as the self-published, *Simple and Easy Pediatric Cardiology* textbook.

As a practicing physician in Nevada in for almost 45 years, and seeing some of the most complex patients, I am intimately familiar with the needs and challenges faced by those with rare diseases. The opportunity to share my experience and help generate viable solutions is important and appealing to me.

I am happy to provide any additional information for you to consider my nomination. I hope you will look favorably on my nomination.

With warmest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'W' followed by a long horizontal stroke that curves upwards at the end.

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