

August 16, 2018

The Honorable Governor Brian Sandoval  
State Capital  
[101 N. Carson Street](#)  
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Dear Governor Sandoval:

The Nevada Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders has a long history of working with the community, state agencies, and the Legislature to ensure affordable access to autism services for all Nevadans. Our Commission was formed by Executive Order in 2008. This Order expires in December 2018. The Commission is working with legislators to put the Commission in to statute; BDR 33 has been submitted, but this cannot be considered until the session in 2019. We are writing to request that you reauthorize the Autism Commission before December 2018 to ensure we are able to continue our important work that is not being done by any other commissions or boards at this time. There is very little cost associated with this Commission as staff from Aging and Disability post our meetings and take minutes. Beyond that, we are a volunteer Commission consisting of parents of persons with autism and professionals who support individuals with autism.

Your continued support of the Nevada Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders will allow us to continue increasing services and supports for Nevadans with autism, monitor autism services provided through state funding, and improve the quality of life for people with autism as they transition to adulthood, and throughout the life span. It is imperative that the Executive Order be reauthorize so we can continue our crucial work.

With continued hope and gratitude,

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