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To Whom It May Concern,

Nevada PEP is re-applying for a grant funded by the United States Department of Education to continue Nevada’s Parent Training and Information Center. As the Chairman of the Commission on Services for Persons with Disabilities (CSPD), I would like to express my confidence and offer my support for Nevada PEP to continue their great work as Nevada’s Parent Training and Information Center.

Nevada PEP will build on the organization’s strong history of serving Nevada by helping youth become effective self-advocates and by providing parents with information, individual assistance, and training to empower them to: (a) ensure that their children are included in general education classrooms and extracurricular activities with their peers; (b) help their children meet developmental and academic goals; (c) help their children meet challenging expectations established for all children, including college- and career-ready academic standards; and (d) prepare their children to achieve positive postsecondary outcomes that lead to lives that are as productive and independent as possible.

Nevada PEP will focus on the following two primary goals:
1. To increase parents’ capacity to help their children with disabilities improve their early learning, school-aged, and postsecondary outcomes.
2. To increase youth with disabilities’ capacity to be effective self-advocates.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Brian Patchett, Chair
Commission on Services for Persons with Disabilities

CC: CSPD Members