

State of Nevada
Department of Health and Human Services
Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease

August 25, 2023

Brenda Erdoes
State of Nevada
Legislative Counsel Bureau
Legislative Building
401 S. Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701-4747

Dear Director Erdoes,

The Nevada Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease (TFAD), pursuant to NRS 439.5083, cordially requests Senate and Assembly representation on our board for the 2023-24 Interim.

TFAD is under new leadership. Phillip Kalsman (Chair), Director of the Alzheimer's Association, Southern Nevada, and LeeAnn Mandarino (Vice-Chair), Program Director, Cleveland Clinic Nevada, have assumed charge over a dynamic group of stakeholders directing policy initiatives to assist individuals affected by a very wicked class of diseases. Nevada is a progressive state when it comes to the care and wellbeing of our older residents afflicted with dementia – a laudable achievement we aim to continue.

Knowing how motivated care partners of individuals affected by dementia are because of the devastating impact it has on families, we are looking for representatives who may have a personal experience with Alzheimer's/dementia since they understand the urgency of assistance. Nevada is the third fastest growing state in the nation with 49,000 people aged 65 and older living with Alzheimer's, 10.4% of people aged 45 and older have subjective cognitive decline, and 84,000 family caregivers bear the burden of the disease in Nevada.

Thank you for your attention and consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Phillip Kalsman
Director, Alzheimer's Association, Southern Nevada

LeeAnn Mandarino, MA, CDP
Program Director, Cleveland Clinic Nevada