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March 4, 2003

Senator William J. Raggio
Chairman Senate Finance Committee
401 South Carson Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Dear Senator Raggio:

The letter confirms our strong support for Senate Bill 101 making appropriations to the Department of Administration to the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada to provide scholarships for students who are disadvantaged and under represented in medical and dental schools within the University of Nevada.

Monetary support of individuals within the aforementioned group will provide additional incentive for their entry into the health profession. It is essential that these groups be represented within the health care work force and encouragement is beneficial and greatly appreciated.

The national dental school applicant pool of disadvantaged and under-represented applicants has declined precipitously over the past three years. Latest figures from the American Dental Education Association indicate another decline for the current application cycle.

We thank you for your continued support in these issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick J. Ferrillo, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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