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Senator William J. Raggio
Chairman Senate Finance Committee
401 South Carson Street
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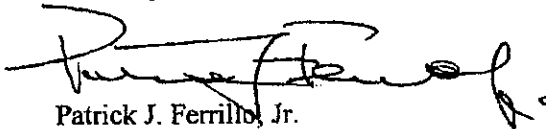
Dear Senator Raggio:

I am writing in support of SB 178 which makes an appropriation to the University and Community College System of Nevada to create embalming facilities and plasticization laboratory to ensure that medical and dental schools can use anatomical specimens more efficiently for educational purposes.

There is no finer instrument for teaching anatomical structures than a plasticized specimen and a laboratory as described in the bill would provide a state of the art facility for specimen production. Benefits from such a laboratory would be multifaceted in training health care professionals for the citizens of our state.

I strongly urge passage of this measure. It is necessary to bring the level of anatomical sciences education for students in medical and dental schools to a level that is cutting edge and to keep the level of knowledge competitive with other programs of excellence nationwide.

Sincerely,



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