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<u>Via E-mail</u> To Jenny Richter Livia, Council Liaison For the attention of: Nevada State Rehabilitation Council

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Vocational Rehabilitation

Re: Public Comment

As the state agency tasked with assisting individuals with disabilities in obtaining and maintaining competitive, integrated employment, this Agency has consistently fallen short of it's mission. It is long past time for this Council, as the Agency's supervisor, to take a firm stance against the obstructive and counterproductive practices that the Agency continues to employ.

Despite two recent audits – one by the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) and the other by the Legislative Auditor – this Agency remains more focused on finding ways to appease regulators, Council Members, clients, their families, and the public than on genuinely addressing the audit recommendations. For nearly 18 years, I have been a client of this Agency, and I have witnessed firsthand its persistent failure to engage in meaningful, collaborative efforts to improve services for the community.

Thankfully, I am hopeful that I will be able to disengage from the Agency in the coming months. However, in the interim, I urge each of you to testify in strong opposition to the Agency's budget request once the opportunity arises. This ongoing mismanagement must end now.



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I have raised these concerns before this Council every quarter, and though I may no longer be a client soon, I remain committed to being a part of the solution. If there is an opportunity to help bring about meaningful change, I am more than willing to contribute.

Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to hearing from you soon. Please do not hesitate to contact me at my contact information below with any questions.



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