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Senator Raymond Rawson,

Mr. Chair,

My name is Floyd Sands. I am the father of Stephanie Sands, the second patient diagnosed, the tenth patient reported, and the second patient to die, in the Fallon Cancer Crisis.

An accurate, timely and straightforward cancer registry is of the utmost importance to monitor, identify and investigate disease clusters should they occur. Time is of the essence when investigating outbreaks of disease beyond their historical norm. An accurate and efficient cancer registry will enable health professionals to investigate sooner rather than later, to stay with the power curve instead of following it from a distance. The Nevada Cancer Registry should provide data which is simple and straightforward, and is provided to the Public as well as health professionals, in a timely fashion.

I also believe that any fees levied upon those reporting disease to the Cancer Registry should be eliminated. I can think of no more effective means to ensure non-compliance than to charge the Reporter for doing the right thing.

As the verified data from the Fallon Health Survey demonstrates, under the current cancer registry disease clusters are able and do continue undetected for many years.

I respectfully request that the Legislature act expeditiously and enact AB315 as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

Floyd B. Sands