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Mr. Fontaine,

The Sierra Nevada Transportation Coalition (SNCT) was recommended for an FHN award last week by the GMAC Disability subcommittee. As I know you have heard from other organizations, I am very concerned with the way the subcommittee chose to change the awards process outlined in the RFA with no notice to the grantees and very little discussion.

As you know, these funds are important to many other organizations that put a lot of time and energy into proposals in order to serve Nevada's most vulnerable populations. One of my concerns is that according to the RFA, projects scoring under 60 would not be considered. The RFA was very concise about the required narratives and budgets and it seems that those who followed the directions and have well thought-out projects are now being penalized in order to include projects that did not satisfy the requirements.

Also, the subcommittee chose to pool all the money from the three areas (Independent Living, PBS, and Respite) into one pool. That seems to completely contradict the whole process of doing a needs assessment. It also contradicts the RFA, which says that if there were any changes in the allocations, there would be an amendment. That did not happen.

The RFA this year was much clearer than in the past. But that was all undone by the subcommittee changing the playing rules. I hope you will work with the subcommittee to revise the recommended grant awards so that the process is respected.

Sincerely,

Mark Tadder, Executive Director
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