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Dear Friends:

Welcome to *The 2018 Southern Nevada Youth Homelessness Summit: The Movement in Action*. In 2017, Clark County had the third highest number of unaccompanied homeless children and youth of all major metropolitan areas in America. The timeliness of this summit cannot be understated, and the proposals discussed here to mitigate this crisis are of the utmost importance.

Nevada is facing one of the most severe housing shortages in the entire country. Young Nevadans are particularly vulnerable as they too often experience homelessness alone. As your U.S. Senator, I remain committed to stand alongside our community to find comprehensive solutions that address the youth homelessness crisis in Nevada. I have supported increases to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's budget to expand the Emergency Solutions Grant Program and provide services to more Nevadans experiencing homelessness. I was also proud to support this year's Minibus, which included federal funding for new studies on methods to end youth homelessness. I recognize that more needs to be done, which is why I am so encouraged by the Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth and our community's efforts to undertake this pressing issue.

I want to thank the Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth for hosting this event. I would also like to recognize all the sponsors for collaborating with NPHY and making this second annual summit possible.

My best wishes on a successful event.

Sincerely,



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