

Hi Janet....I was unable to attend the committee meeting today. I volunteered at West Care (the detox center in downtown Reno) for three years until the day it closed. The main point I want to make is that all communities in Nevada need a safe place to detox that is accessible, clean, convenient and provides medical care as people take their first steps towards sobriety. Alcoholics and addicts are not “others”. They are us. They are our sons and daughters, our mothers and fathers, our brothers and sisters and friends. They are you and me. It is up to all of us to see they receive good care. Detox is just the beginning. Our state and our communities need to offer places to get better and a staff to help people all over our state, rural and urban. West Care provided that in Reno. I ask this committee to provide adequate funding for safe centers and caring staff to those who need it. If we don’t do this, people will die. I care about alcoholics and addicts, and I hope the people in power in Nevada will, too. Thank you.

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