

My name is Bob Russo. I am testifying today in opposition to LCB R088-20 and ask the Legislative Committee to please vote against any changes to the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC).

It is my understanding that the change would require all babies, including those born outside of a hospital, to have a blood sample taken and submitted to the State Public Health Laboratory (SPHL) for testing.

So, we see a change from an optional or voluntary measure for babies born outside of a hospital to a mandate requiring ALL children born in Nevada to have a blood sample taken and submitted to the State.

I believe that parents should be able to opt out of this procedure. Additionally, there is nothing in this code that protects the private DNA data of Nevadans or restricts the sale of their private medical data to third parties.

We are treading on thin ice with this code. Forcing someone to reveal their DNA, I believe, is a violation of the Fourth Amendment – an unreasonable seizure of private property and an invasion of privacy.

Let's refer to the 1886 case of *Boyd v. United States* which concluded that "a compulsory production of a person's private papers (we can substitute DNA) was an unreasonable search and seizure within the meaning of the Fourth Amendment and was therefore forbidden." - *The Making of America*, page 702, W. Cleon Skousen.

Again, I ask you to please oppose the proposed changes to the Nevada Administrative Code.

Thank you.

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