

SB 177
Support Statement
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Good Morning!

I am writing this letter to express my support for Senate Bill 177, which would increase the marriage license fee dedicated to domestic violence services. Nevada continues to rank considerably high in rates of domestic violence and related deaths. Just in the last few weeks we have heard stories of domestic homicides in our local news cycle.

Domestic violence and sexual assault incidents are not individual problems that occur in a silo. The effects are pervasive, rippling through generations of family members and into the surrounding community. The trauma can have life long lasting effects on victims and their children, both mentally and physically. It can also impact friends, family, neighbors, coworkers, and school educators, to name a few. Domestic violence calls are also the most dangerous for police.

As a leader in my organization, I see first hand the positive impact funding from this source has on the operations of our agency and our ability to help victims. Also, as a survivor of an attempted rape, I personally understand the vital importance of having financially stable and easily accessible sexual assault services in our communities. I appreciate your time reading my letter and hope that you will also support Senate Bill 177.

Thank you,

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