

SB 177  
Support Statement  
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Greetings, Senator Melanie Scheible, Chair Members, Senate Judiciary Committee Nevada State Legislature Carson City, Nevada

Thank you for taking the time to hear from your public today on SB177.

Please consider the following information during your vital deliberation:

1) according to a financial research article published on March 12, 2021, (<https://www.valuepenguin.com/average-cost-of-wedding>), the average wedding in Nevada will cost \$21,879.

2) according to Reno Gazette Journal on September 24, 2020 (<https://www.rgj.com/story/news/2020/09/24/study-finds-nevada-ranks-7th-rate-women-killed-men/3511632001/>), Nevada has ranked amongst the top 10 states for most violent in domestic abuse cases for the LAST SEVEN YEARS! According to Alyssa Ropell, the development coordinator for the Domestic Violence Resource Center, "The reason why we have such high rates [in Nevada] can be attributed to a lack of resources and a lack of funding for domestic violence programs." <https://www.rgj.com/story/news/2020/09/24/study-finds-nevada-ranks-7th-rate-women-killed-men/3511632001/> (published September 24,2020)

I hope these two separate, but easily relatable FACTS can sway the minds of anyone thinking that there isn't crucial evidence for SB177 to pass. With the adequate funding for these organizations to reach this large population of your people in need, we will be able to get off this list, and improve the lives of every Nevadan. (Children in safe happy homes, individuals in safe/happy relationships, Officers able to respond to emergency situations without being overwhelmed by DV

I am a lifelong Nevadan, and would love to hold my head high in being able to say - that our state cares about these LIFE OR DEATH issues that their people face everyday.

Thank you for taking your positions seriously, and using your power for the good of many.

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