



SafeNest

As a constituent and a SafeNest domestic violence advocate, I am asking you to vote YES on SB177 supporting an increase in funding for domestic violence and sexual assault services in Nevada.

As the largest domestic violence agency and most comprehensive victim service provider in Clark County, SafeNest served over 25,000 clients who accessed over 100,000 services in 2020. Yet, like many providers in the Silver State, necessary funding for operational expenses does not always match the growing number of services we provide to meet increased need. For example, while we provided counseling and therapy to over 3,900 individuals last year, we currently have 190 survivors on our waiting list due to lack of staffing resources.

The occurrence and severity of domestic violence continues to be pervasive in Nevada, especially in Clark County where eighty percent of victims of domestic violence reside. As Las Vegas continues to grow (the City of Las Vegas was ranked the second fastest-growing city in 2020, despite tumultuous economic disruptions), we anticipate comparable rates of increase in domestic violence.

We can't continue to put victims on hold. They need our support now more than ever. Vote YES on SB177.

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