



March 15, 2021

Nevada Senate Judiciary Committee
Nevada State Legislature
401 S. Carson St.
Carson City, NV 89701

RE: Senate Bill 177 – Revises provisions relating to the Account for Aid for Victims of Domestic Violence

Dear Committee Members,

I write to you today to request your support for Senate Bill 177.

I am the Executive Director for Nevada Outreach Training Organization that serves domestic violence and sexual violence victims in Nye and Esmeralda Counties through our No To Abuse program. We presently have 5 advocates that cover this vast territory. We provide a 24 x 7 hotline service and work extremely close with law enforcement, arriving on the scene when called for both children and adults.

This funding, which has decreased while domestic violence and sexual violence cases have increased, is crucial to the operation of our program and to be able to provide these much-needed services to our community. Our No To Abuse program is the only such program in Nye and Esmeralda Counties.

Please support Senate Bill 177 including the increase of \$25 per marriage license in order to support the domestic violence and sexual violence victims of our Nevada communities.

Thank you in advance!

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathie McKenna".

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