

**Testimony of Don Nelson
Nevada Right To Life
Senate Labor and Commerce Committee
Regarding SB131
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Madam Chairman, I'm Don Nelson. I represent Nevada Right to Life. We oppose SB131. Abortion is not health care nor a human right because it kills an innocent human being with an unalienable right to life. [It is well known that 70 pro-life leaders and organizations have stated that we will not support prosecution of aborting women. It didn't happen before Roe. It won't now that Roe is down in flames.](#)

We disagree that some states would prohibit treatment of ectopic pregnancies or miscarriages. Doctors do not be afraid to treat them. There is a clear difference between abortion on demand and ectopic pregnancies, miscarriages, and efforts to save the life of the mother, and abortion advocates know it.

Live Action News says that [Planned Parenthood](#) scrubbed the following language from their website. "Treating an ectopic pregnancy isn't the same thing as getting an abortion. Abortion is a medical procedure that when done safely, ends a pregnancy that's in your uterus. Ectopic pregnancies are unsafely outside of your uterus (usually in the fallopian tubes), and are removed with a medicine called methotrexate or through a laparoscopic surgical procedure. The medical procedures for abortions are not the same as the medical procedures for an ectopic pregnancy."

In her article "[How Every State Pro-Life Law Handles Ectopic Pregnancy and Miscarriage](#)" [Alexandra Desanctis](#) writes that "If doctors are doing so (failing to treat women with ectopic pregnancies and miscarriages, or when their life is in danger) — **and abortion supporters have offered little evidence of a systemic problem in this regard** — it is the fault of the doctors themselves, not the fault of the pro-life laws, which are eminently clear."

There have been undercover phone and other campaigns that show that abortion clinics do not report suspicions of statutory rape. This bill will have the effect of making NV a haven for those who would cover up and continue their abuse of

girls that other states have worked to mitigate with their parental notification laws. Please oppose this bill.

Pro-Life Groups Oppose Laws Allowing Prosecution of Women Seeking Abortions

<https://www.nationalreview.com/corner/pro-life-groups-oppose-laws-allowing-prosecution-of-women-seeking-abortions/>

An Open Letter to State Lawmakers from America's Leading Pro-Life Organizations

<https://www.nrlc.org/uploads/communications/051222coalitionlettertostates.pdf>

Even Planned Parenthood knows ectopic pregnancy treatment isn't abortion

<https://www.liveaction.org/news/planned-parenthood-ectopic-treatment-abortion/>

Planned Parenthood erases fact that ectopic pregnancy treatment isn't an abortion from its website

<https://www.nationalrighttolifenews.org/2022/12/planned-parenthood-erases-fact-that-ectopic-pregnancy-treatment-isnt-an-abortion-from-its-website/>

One Untrue Thing, NRO Symposium

<https://www.nationalreview.com/2007/08/one-untrue-thing-nro-symposium/>

Myth vs. Fact: Correcting Misinformation on Maternal Medical Care

https://aaplog.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/AAPLOG-Myth-v-Fact_v5.pdf