



**Testimony in Support of SB 172
Nevada State Senate Judiciary Committee
Thursday, March 9, 2023**

Chair Scheible and members of the Judiciary Committee, thank you for holding this hearing on Senate Bill 172. This legislation, sponsored by Senators Dallas Harris, Melanie Scheible, and Fabian Donate, aims to ensure that everybody has access to contraception, including young people.

My name is Caroline Mello Roberson, and I'm the Southwest Regional Director for NARAL Pro-Choice America and lead staffer for our state chapter, NARAL Pro-Choice Nevada, registering our support for SB 172.

NARAL Pro-Choice Nevada is a non-profit advocacy organization dedicated to advancing reproductive freedom for all through legislative, political, and community organizing. NARAL has organizers in Nevada, allowing us to organize directly in the community. NARAL has been operating on the ground in Nevada since 2016, where we began with 900 members. Through door-to-door outreach, phone banking, online actions, and community events, we have recruited more than 48,000 NARAL members since that time and are growing every day.

The ability to have a say in one's health care, especially preventive care like contraception and treatment for sexually transmitted infections, is crucial for reproductive freedom and overall health. All people deserve to have autonomy over their bodies and health care recognized. SB 172 would guarantee that all people are affirmed in their legal right to seek access to reproductive care, including birth control and STI testing and treatment. This bill empowers people to take control of their reproductive health care and with the knowledge that their right to privacy to receive reproductive care should be protected. We urge the members of this committee to support SB172. Thank you!