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To whom it may concern,

My name is Ashley Dodson, I am the Founder of LOVEE, Inc a nonprofit 501c3 that is dedicated to supporting, empowering, and uplifting woman. As a community partner and supporter of the Mass Liberation project, we stand in solidarity to make sure incarcerated women are still treated with dignity and respect. As a woman who has experienced many facets of life, knowing that I had hygiene and sanitary products felt like security. Knowing that I would have access to preserving and restoring my mental, emotional and physical health would lead me down a better path. Knowing that I had access to rehabilitative services and prenatal care would ensure I had a greater life expectancy.

Chairs and dignitaries of the committee, as a human right, these simplicities should be accessible without question or even an ask. In spite of, with all due respect, I ask you to think of your mothers, sisters, daughters and their ongoing journeys as women in all situations good or bad. As an advocate for women, I urge the committee to please support and pass AB 292 as it will create a positive impact on incarcerated women.

Humble regards,

Ashley Dodson  
Founder of LOVEE, Inc

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Dignity must be provided to every woman. Please listen to all the women who voice this opinion that I wholeheartedly support.

Thank you  
Cynthia Smith

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I Evelyn Pacheco supports AB 292. Because incarcerated people should be treated with dignity and have access to Hygiene and all medical support.

Best regards,

**Evelyn Pacheco**

President and Army Veteran



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## **Testimony for AB292**

**My name is Jeri Burton (spell) and I am the Co-Executive Director of the Nevada Chapter of the National Organization for Women. I am calling in strong support of AB292. First I want to thank Assemblywoman Gonzales for her sponsorship of this bill. We have been working in coalition with Mass Liberation of Nevada, ACLU of Nevada and other advocates for over a year, listening to currently and formerly incarcerated women to learn what reforms are needed in Nevada jails and prisons.**

**We've heard that they are not treated with dignity and respect. There is little to no access to health care. Woman told us they had come out of prison with cancer and severe health problems due lack of basic healthcare screening.**

**They are not receiving menstrual products beyond a few pads a month, and are punished if someone gives a pad to them. Appropriate amounts of other basic health items like shampoo, toothpaste, soap are not provided. We heard that pregnant people are still being shackled during labor even though laws were passed to stop it and they lack prenatal and postnatal care. We heard of sexual assault and abuse and the need for access to contraceptives because of this. That Dept of Corrections needs training to protect the safety and dignity of transgender people.**

**Incarcerated women face systems and policies that are designed for men; prisons and jails are not equipped to provide resources or address the challenges incarcerated women and trans people**

**face. Nevada has been a leader for equal rights, recently adding an Equal Rights Amendment to our Constitution. Because of our NV State ERA Incarcerated people are guaranteed their rights even in a prison system. We ask that you support AB292.**

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Jeri Burton  
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This bill seems very common sense. It's about basic human dignity for incarcerated people. In 2023, I have a hard time understanding why proper items to handle menstruation. I can't understand why people who are incarcerated aren't afforded the same basic medical treatment they would receive in a state-funded hospital, with or without insurance. It seems that these facilities are treating human beings as if they have no value, or expectation of returning to society as tax-paying citizens. Nevada should strive to do better in this modern day and age instead of withholding these basic supplies and human dignity from people who are 100% at the mercy of the state.

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March 20, 2023

Good afternoon Chair Scheible, Vice Chair Harris and members of the committee, My name is Jonnette Paddy.

I am a community organizer for the Native Voters Alliance of Nevada which is located in Las Vegas, NV and works to build the political power of Indigenous People within Nevada and a director at Indigenous Women Rising, an indigenous led and centered reproductive justice organization

I am speaking on behalf of NVAN and Indigenous Women Rising to voice support of AB292.

Everyone deserves basic healthcare and to be treated with dignity. This bill does that for our incarcerated relatives. It's very disappointing that these resources and regulations don't exist right now.

I urge you to vote in favor of AB292 and I thank you for your time.

Jonnette Paddy  
Field Organizer  
Native Voter Alliance - Nevada

Greetings Committee,

My name is Theresa J. Yancy. I reside in zip code 89148. I am in full support of AB292, the Dignity for Incarcerated Women bill. Women are the creators of life. They are the glue that holds families together, and they do this with a great deal of strength and resolve. Women are most often the primary caregivers to their children, and those who are elderly in their families. Women are responsible for empowering and teaching the next generation. Ensuring incarcerated women receive proper mental health care, prenatal care, and overall healthcare, is pertinent to her and her family's overall success once released. Families are dependent up them. I am in full support of this bill because it will ensure that women and all gender non-conforming folks who are incarcerated are treated with dignity and equipped with the tools, resources, and services they need to successfully return to their families and communities. It is too often that our most vulnerable folks are the most marginalized and have the least amount of access to appropriate, and much needed services. We know mass incarceration is an issue in this country and we must begin the journey to roll back the harm that these systems have caused in our communities.

Without question, It should be a basic human right for incarcerated women to receive adequate, appropriate and accessible personal hygiene products free of charge. We must safeguard our women by allowing for those that identify as female to have the same rights afforded to them as well.

As one of your constituent's I urge you to please vote in favor of the Dignity for Incarcerated Women bill. The lives of all women are at stake, but especially those who are incarcerated. If we provide these women with the instruments they need to flourish, their successes once reunited with their families, will be astounding.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa J. Yancy