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To: Melissa Clement, Executive Director, Nevada Right to Life

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RE: Why you should oppose Senate Joint Resolution 7

Senate Joint Resolution 7, introduced on March 16, 2023, purports to establish a right to “reproductive freedom” in the Nevada state constitution. The National Right to Life Committee and Nevada Right to Life strongly urge legislators to oppose this resolution for three reasons: (1) The language of the proposed measure creates a right to abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy “without limitation.” The so-called health exception after viability is really a license for unlimited abortion since the definition of health, includes mental health defined by the abortionist himself. Therefore, all any abortionist has to do to perform an abortion right up until the moment of birth is to say that in his opinion it was done for the mental health of the mother. (2) The fetal viability definition in the proposed measure is inadequate and allows the abortionist to determine what viability means since the language contains a subjective standard empowering the abortion industry to regulate themselves. (3) The language of the proposed measure would make it impossible and illegal to pass common-sense protections for the unborn child and her mother.

Amending the state constitution is not only expensive but unnecessary since Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 442.250 already governs abortion laws in the state with very little limitation protecting access to reproductive health care in Nevada. The implications of passing such a radical resolution which would enshrine a right to end the lives of unborn children up until birth is irresponsible and dangerous.

The National Right to Life Committee and Nevada Right to Life urge all members to oppose this drastic and hazardous measure.