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TO: Joint Meeting of the Senate & Assembly Committees on Legislative Operations and Elections

Written testimony in opposition to SJR7

Abortion, for any reason, is already legal in Nevada. There is no need to go to the extreme of amending our State Constitution as a knee-jerk response to the overturning of Roe.

This proposed Constitutional Amendment seeks to extend the time for elective abortion past six months gestation. At that stage, a baby CAN survive outside of the womb, as has been documented. <https://healthier.stanfordchildrens.org/en/premature-babies-survival-rate-is-climbing/> Just because “it’s done in other states” doesn’t mean we have to do it here. Nevada should be better than that.

Further, this proposed Constitutional Amendment would limit treatment for a fetus that survives an abortion. Human Life International estimates there are 431 abortion survivors per year. To think that an innocent human life, worthy of dignity and respect, would simply be left to die, is abhorrent. <https://www.hli.org/resources/abortion-survival-statistics/>

Amending the Nevada Constitution for protections already in place is unnecessary. Extending the gestational age for abortion, and restricting protections for abortion survivors is repulsive.

Vote NO on SJR7.

Thank you for your time,

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