



HEALTH FREEDOM NEVADA

Informed Consent, Religious Freedom, Parental Choice

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Dear Chair and Esteemed Members of the Senate Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections and the Assembly Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections,

My name is Nancy Jones and I am a Douglas County resident, a parent, and a board member of Health Freedom Nevada. We are a non-partisan, grassroots all-volunteer organization representing approximately 5000 Nevada families and we serve as the Nevada affiliate of both Children's Health Defense and Stand for Health Freedom; national organizations whose missions align with our own. Our founding principles include the right of every citizen and every parent or guardian, in the case of a minor child, to true and full informed consent to any and all medical and pharmaceutical interventions, religious freedom, and parental rights in all personal healthcare decisions.

We oppose SJR 7. This proposed amendment to the state's constitution does not provide adequate verbiage to protect informed consent or the fundamental right of parents to guide the upbringing of their children with regards to medical procedures. Written consent to any and all medical procedures needs to be explicitly required in the language of this or any similar measure in order to protect individuals and providers. Further, the language needs to be clear that adults can consent to abortion treatments, but not minors. Minors and children should not receive any medical treatment, procedure, or pharmaceutical product without the written consent of parent or legal guardian. To do otherwise suggests that one of the intents of this bill is to ensure that children and young women can be coerced, manipulated, and threatened into giving verbal consent to abortion which is widely understood to be a dramatic and life-altering surgery which ends the life of the unborn child. By neglecting to include written consent of the parent in the case of a minor, this joint committee will be aiding abusers and human traffickers.

We strongly urge you to oppose SJR7 and any other legislation which makes it possible for a minor to get medical treatment without written parental consent and which does not require written consent from adults for their own treatment.

Sincerely,

Nancy Jones

Legislative Liason

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