

Good afternoon chair and members of the committee, for the record my name is Shanzeh Aslam and I am the Economic Justice Program Manager with the Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada, here in support of Senate Joint Resolution 7.

At PLAN we believe in the tenets of reproductive justice, the human right to maintain personal bodily autonomy, the right to have children, not have children, and to parent the children we have in safe and sustainable communities.

The National Black Women's Reproductive Justice Agenda states that, "that right can only be achieved when we have complete economic, social, and political power and resources to make healthy decisions about our bodies, our families, and our communities in all areas of our lives."

After the Supreme Court's reckless decision to take away the constitutional right to abortion care, state level protections are continuously under threat and under attack.

State lawmakers have been given the green light to pass and enforce cruel abortion bans.

We hear countless stories of people traveling hundreds of miles and spending money they don't have, money that could be used on housing, food, and medicine to receive the healthcare they need. Their money could be used to enjoy hobbies or be saved for an amazing future. That is hundreds of extra dollars, to access basic healthcare that is now inaccessible in their home state.

We know that it's not just attacks against our right to access abortion care. Anti-abortion lawmakers and activists have also been targeting our right to determine our futures through birth control, infertility care, and miscarriage management.

No one, no one!, has the right to dictate the choices anyone makes about their body and choices that deeply impact a person's future, health, and livelihood.

SJR 7 will ensure Nevadans, and anyone coming to our state seeking care, are protected in the strongest way.

It will ensure that Nevadans are protected from government overreach in our reproductive health care decisions and that patients and their providers are guaranteed privacy.

We urge you to support SJR7 and our rights to reproductive health!

Thank you for your time.