

Good afternoon, Chairpersons and committee members, my name is Theresa DeGraffenreid D-e-G-r-a-f-f-e-n-r-e-i-d I am speaking for myself in opposition to SJR-7.

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I strongly oppose anything that changes Nevada's Constitution - there is already a provision that codifies women's rights to an abortion in this state all the way up to six months. We do not need to allow the legislature to extend this to 9 months! My biggest opposition to this Resolution is that it proposes to endanger the life of a fetus for all nine months of its growth. The wording of the SJR 7 says that a baby is only protected if (quote) "there is a significant likelihood of the sustained survival of the fetus outside the uterus without the application of extraordinary medical measures."(unquote). There are two things about that statement that are disturbing to me. The first thing is that there is such a disparity between wanted and unwanted. When a woman says yes, she wants the baby that is growing inside of her, even if she goes into premature labor and delivers her tiny 24-week baby, there is a team of doctors and nurses to do everything and anything to keep that child alive. But when she says "unwanted" this proposes that the medical intervention will be PURPOSELY kept from that same 24 week baby. (Or God forbid, 40-week-old baby) born unwanted! I want to share the events of a 16-year-

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old young girl who when she was pressured to abort her baby (by her mother and her older boyfriend.) She lied or didn't realize just how far along she was in that pregnancy so when she delivered her 24-week baby during her abortion instead of the 19 week one she told the abortionist that she was ^{carrying} having. In the accounts of the nurse that attended this abortion the doctor was both surprised and mad that the fetus was clearly both bigger than he expected and born alive. The nurse was instructed to leave the baby in the corner to die while she cleaned the procedure suite of the gynecologist's office and helped the girl get dressed and leave. She did what she was told and the innocent premature baby did eventually die and was thrown out with that days garbage. ^{Don't say in VERBAL} Even though it wasn't my mother's scheduled day to work, when my mother heard from her coworkers ^{Pick} what happened that day it was the last day she ever set foot in the office. Though these events happened in the State of California, my fear that with these proposed changes to our Constitution these things will be the norm in our state instead of the exception! Vote NO on SJR7.