



*Nevada State Legislature, 82nd Session:
Testimony in opposition to Assembly Bill 386*

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To the Chair and Members of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee,

We at the Libertarian Party of Nevada write to you in opposition to AB 386.

This bill is a clear example of industry rent-seeking. Certain providers of midwifery services are pushing for this bill in order to change the requirements on birth center operators in a manner that will benefit them, at the expense of other midwives in the state who do not support the institution of a state level licensure program. Requiring licensure for midwives in our state is unnecessary in terms of safety and broadly unpopular among midwives and home-birth parents.

We believe that this bill will negatively impact the provision of midwifery care in Nevada by imposing costly and burdensome requirements on practitioners. It will reduce the number of practicing midwives in the state and thus reduce access to care, especially in rural communities.

We urge you to reject this proposal and vote NO on AB386.

Thank you for your consideration.