



Assemblymember Elaine Marzola, Chair
Assemblymember Sandra Jauregui, Vice Chair
Assembly Committee on Commerce and Labor
Nevada State Capitol
101 N. Carson St.
Carson City, NV 89701

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Support AB 428: Requires that certain health plans provide coverage for fertility preservation services for individuals diagnosed with breast or ovarian cancer.

Dear Chair Marzola, Vice Chair Jauregui and honorable members of the committee,

On behalf of the Comprehensive Cancer Center of Nevada, the largest independent community-based cancer treatment provider in Southern Nevada, I want to thank you for the opportunity to express the strong support of AB 428, introduced by Assemblymember Flanagan, which aims to ensure that individuals undergoing treatment for breast or ovarian cancer have access to fertility preservation services, safeguarding their ability to build a family in the future.

Comprehensive Cancer Centers of Nevada is a distinguished multi-specialty practice encompassing medical oncology, hematology, radiation oncology, breast surgery, pulmonary medicine, cancer genetic counseling, and clinical research across several locations in Southern Nevada. For more than 40 years, our team of 43 physicians and 19 advanced practitioners has committed to delivering the most effective treatments—both established and emerging—to diagnose and successfully treat cancer and blood disorders. We bolster this mission through state-of-the-art facilities that integrate the latest diagnostic, therapeutic, and research capabilities in a professional yet compassionate setting.

As the Practice President of Comprehensive Cancer Centers of Nevada, I am writing to personally express my steadfast support for Assembly Bill 428, a vital piece of legislation that requires certain health plans to include coverage for fertility preservation services for individuals diagnosed with breast or ovarian cancer.

At Comprehensive Cancer Centers of Nevada, we are dedicated to providing comprehensive care that not only focuses on treating cancer but also considers the holistic needs and future aspirations of our patients. Fertility preservation is an essential service for many of our patients who dream of starting or expanding their families post-treatment. The unfortunate reality is that while cancer therapies are lifesaving, they often come with the heartbreaking side effect of impaired fertility.

Assembly Bill 428 is a compassionate response to this challenge. It ensures that those battling cancer have access to necessary fertility preservation services, aligning with guidelines from esteemed bodies like the American Society for Reproductive Medicine and the American Society of Clinical Oncology. These guidelines highlight the importance of integrating fertility preservation into cancer treatment plans.

The bill also thoughtfully considers varying perspectives by allowing exceptions for insurers affiliated with religious organizations, which respects diverse beliefs while ensuring patient care remains a priority.

We understand that there may be fiscal implications associated with this mandate. However, the investment in the future well-being of cancer survivors—enabling them to pursue their family planning goals—justifies the initial costs.

I urge you to support Assembly Bill 428. By doing so, you will help Nevada lead the way in providing comprehensive, forward-thinking care for cancer patients. Thank you for your time and dedication to the health and prosperity of our community.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rupesh J. Parikh". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Rupesh" being the most prominent.

Dr. Rupesh J. Parikh
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