

To: Assembly Committee on Commerce and Labor

Subj: Oppose Senate Bill 171 – Makes Nevada a Sanctuary State for Healthcare Professionals who Provide Gender-Affirming Care

Dear Assembly Representatives:

I am a degreed Microbiologist with 20 years of experience in the healthcare industry and am strongly opposed to Senate Bill 171. This bill does NOT protect the Transgender Community. It makes Nevada a Sanctuary State for Healthcare Professionals who perform gender-affirming care which may result in physical harm to a patient.

Current laws protecting gender-affirming care should be sufficient to protect this segment of our population. We should not be preventing the Governor of the State of Nevada from extraditing or assisting in the proceedings from other states regarding healthcare professionals who break their laws and harm patients. What will be the legal costs of fighting these extraditions?

The bill prohibits the Governor from surrendering or issuing a warrant for the arrest of a person charged in another state **for a crime** involving the provision of medically necessary gender-affirming health care services, unless the acts also constitute a criminal offense in this State. The determination of what procedures are criminal **are not clear**. Healthcare professionals often disagree amongst themselves on the necessity of medical procedures and the way in which those procedures are undertaken. The bill prohibits State agencies from using government resources or providing information to support investigations or proceedings from other states related to providing, aiding in providing, or receiving medically necessary gender-affirming health care services. This will shut down any efforts to investigate abuses or wrongdoing in gender-affirming procedures.

This bill is NOT protecting the Transgender community but enabling the potential for harm to the Transgender Community. Please Oppose SB171!

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