



Chair Elaine Marzola
Assembly Commerce and Labor
Carson City, NV

Dear Chair Marzola and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, I am writing to express our strong support for Senate Bill 217.

Each year, more than 80,000 young adults between the ages of 20 and 30 are diagnosed with cancer nationwide. In Nevada, cancer patients face the additional challenge of navigating treatment while planning for their future - including the possibility of having children. Certain cancer treatments, such as chemotherapy, radiation, or surgery, can permanently impact fertility. For many patients, preserving fertility before treatment begins is not only a critical medical decision, but also one tied deeply to their emotional and psychological well-being.

Unfortunately, the high out-of-pocket cost of fertility preservation can be a barrier. The inability to access this care often results in long-term regret, affecting survivors' quality of life long after treatment ends.

SB217 addresses this by requiring insurance plans to cover standard fertility preservation services for patients facing medically necessary treatment that may impair fertility. These services are well-defined and supported by clinical guidelines from the American Society for Reproductive Medicine (ASRM) and the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO).

Importantly, coverage must apply equitably-regardless of gender, marital status, or income level. No patient should be forced to choose between life-saving treatment and the future possibility of having a family.

ACS CAN urges your support of SB217 to ensure that Nevadans facing cancer have access to the full spectrum of care -including the ability to make decisions about their reproductive future. Thank you for your leadership and for considering this important legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Atlas".

Jennifer Atlas
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