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AB79
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GOOD AFTERNOON MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE. FOR THE RECORD, I AM BONNIE PARNELL, SPEAKING TODAY ON BEHALF OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTER'S OF NEVADA.

THE LEAGUE HAS BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN THE WORK OF THE NEVADA HEALTH CARE PROJECT. PRIORITIES OF THE HEALTH CARE PROJECT INCLUDE SUPPORT FOR THE EXTERNAL REVIEW PROCESS. *among others,*

MOST WOULD AGREE THAT THIS COUNTRY IS FACING A HEALTH CARE CRISIS, NOT ONLY REGARDING AFFORDABILITY AND ACCESSABILITY, BUT IN TRUSTING DECISIONS MADE IN REFERENCE TO THE DELIVERY OF CARE.

THE EXTERNAL REVIEW PROCESS WOULD ASSIST IN ALIEVIATING SUCH DISTRUST. AN EXTERNAL REVIEW COMMITTEE, CERTIFIED BY THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER AND CONTRACTED OUT BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE FOR CONSUMER HEALTH ASSISTANCE WOULD PRESENT AN OPTION OF REVIEW NOT CURRENTLY AVAILABLE. CONSUMERS ^lWOULD BE ASSURED THAT A SYSTEM WAS IN PLACE WHERE COMPLAINTS COULD BE ADDRESSED, AS WELL AS, REVIEWS OF FINAL ADVERSE DETERMINATIONS.

AB79 OFFERS CONSUMER PROTECTION IN HEALTH CARE. THEREFORE, THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTER'S URGES YOUR SUPPORT OF AB79, including the amendments presented to you today by Asmwr Buckley).