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TESTIMONY AB 59
ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2003 - 8 A.M.

GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE. FOR THE RECORD MY NAME IS LARRY SPITLER AND I'M THE ASSOCIATE STATE DIRECTOR FOR ADVOCACY IN NEVADA.

AARP IS A NONPROFIT, NONPARTISAN MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO MAKING LIFE BETTER FOR PEOPLE 50 AND OVER. WE PROVIDE INFORMATION AND RESOURCES; ENGAGE IN LEGISLATIVE, REGULATORY AND LEGAL ADVOCACY; ASSIST MEMBERS IN SERVING THEIR COMMUNITIES; AND OFFER A WIDE RANGE OF UNIQUE BENEFITS, SPECIAL PRODUCTS, AND SERVICES FOR OUR MEMBERS.

WE'RE HERE TODAY TO OFFER OUR SUPPORT FOR AB 59. IT IS A BRIEF BILL AND OUR TESTIMONY IS BRIEF. WHILE MORE AND MORE IS BEING DONE AS SOCIETY ADDRESSES ISSUES RELATED TO ELDER ABUSE, IT MAKES SENSE THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ENGAGED IN PROTECTING ELDERLY INDIVIDUALS HAVE ACCESS TO THESE RECORDS JUST AS THE AGING SERVICES DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND A COUNTY'S OFFICE FOR PROTECTIVE SERVICES HAS ACCESS TO THESE RECORDS.

WE FEEL STRONGLY THAT STATES SHOULD ENACT AND ENFORCE ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES LAWS THAT PROVIDE FOR INVESTIGATION, ACCESS AND INTERVENTION IN EMERGENCY AND NONEMERGENCY SITUATIONS OF ABUSE, NEGLECT AND EXPLOITATION OF VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS IN THE COMMUNITY AND IN LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES. WE FEEL THAT AB 59 SUPPORTS THAT GOAL.

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE THESE THOUGHTS WITH YOU TODAY.