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AN ORGANIZATION FOR FAMILIES

Senator Mark Amodei, Chair  
Senate Judiciary Committee  
Nevada State Senate  
Nevada State Legislature  
Legislative Building  
401 S. Carson St.  
Carson City, NV. 89701-4747

March 18, 2003

Dear Senator Amodei;

My name is Barbara Spring. I am the Director of the Protection Order Project, operated by the Committee to Aid Abused Women, (CAAW), An Organization For Families, in Washoe County. I am here to strongly support S.B. 224.

This bill would greatly enhance the willingness of domestic violence victims to proceed with available legal remedies in the court system. Many victims are intimidated by the physical attributes of a courthouse and/or the processes involved. Having a designated attendant during court proceedings to provide emotional support to victims would be a large step forward in our State.

Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee have supported excellent model legislation in Nevada for decades. We hope you consider this bill an addition to your progressive work. I would be happy to answer any questions you might have.

