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AN ORGANIZATION FOR FAMILIES

Assemblyman Bernie Anderson, Chair
Assembly Judiciary Committee
Nevada State Assembly
Nevada State Legislature
Legislative Building
401 S. Carson St.
Carson City, NV. 89701-4747

March 10, 2003

Dear Chairman Anderson and Assembly Judiciary Committee Members;

Hello. My name is Joni Kaiser. I am a co-founder and Executive Director of the Committee to Aid Abused Women, (CAAW), An Organization For Families, in Washoe County. I am here today to speak against A.B.97.

The Chair and many members of this Committee have been a part of the excellent history of legislation Nevada has enacted on domestic violence for over two decades. A.B.97 reverses this previous record and goes backward in time. Reducing jail time or allowing community service in lieu of fines sends the wrong message to perpetrators of domestic violence. Accountability and consequences for illegal actions are a proven, effective strategy to reduce future instances of domestic violence. Simply stop this bill now.

I would be happy to answer any questions you might have.

ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY
DATE: 3/10/03 ROOM: 3138 EXHIBIT J
SUBMITTED BY: JONI KAISER

