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May 12, 2003

To: Mr. Chairman, Members of the Assembly and the Judiciary Committee
Fr: Len Marazzo

On the evening of November 9, 1999 my wife Lana went to the Hospital in her thirty-sixth week of pregnancy as she felt she was experiencing decreased fetal movement. She was admitted at approximately 10:00 pm with the anticipation of delivery. During the course of eight long hours she was seen by the on call OBGYN for a period of less then two minutes. This took place shortly after she arrived. Our son was alive but having complications that were ignored. At 6:00 am our son Christian Dante Marazzo died as he waited to be born.

Only after getting an attorney and investigating what had happened was it discovered that the Physician chose to sleep and ignore any concerns that the nursing staff brought to her attention. Our case was heard before the Nevada State Medical Screening Panel and it was decided unanimously that Malpractice was probable.

This event has forever changed the lives of me, my wife and our surviving children. Because of the negligence of an uncaring physician my kids will always remember the day there baby brother did not come home. Instead they have become accustomed to seeing there Mommy cry of a broken heart, and visiting Christian's grave on Sunday has become some what routine.

As I was getting ready to testify last March I saw a commercial with a pregnant woman that was sponsored by Keep our Doctor's in Nevada. The voice asked how you would feel if you were trying to get help for your unborn child and couldn't?

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SUBMITTED BY: Len Marazzo

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Unfortunately my family knows how that feels. And three years ago it had nothing to do with Doctors leaving Nevada due to there Insurance rates.

I am asking this committee to not enact any new laws that would adversely affect the citizens of Nevada. Instead I challenge you to hold bad Doctor's accountable for there actions in order to ensure that this or similar matters do not happen to others.

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