Dear Attorney General Aaron Ford,

It is with incredible gratitude that our organizations, the ACLU of Nevada, NARAL Pro-Choice Nevada and Planned Parenthood Votes Nevada, along with our thousands of activists across the state, write to thank you for your commitment to protecting reproductive freedom for Nevadans.

Your leadership on the amicus brief urging the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit to affirm the unconstitutionality of the dangerous Kentucky law criminalizing abortion care was incredibly important to the ongoing fight to protect reproductive freedom and abortion access in Nevada and across America. Not only has your work established Nevada as a leader in reproductive health, rights, and justice, but it also raises critical awareness of the dangerous nature of restrictive laws that place an undue burden on a woman’s ability to access safe and legal abortion care.

Most recently, your support of a lawsuit brought by the Whole Women’s Health Alliance against the state of Indiana further proves your commitment to protecting reproductive freedom. In light of Republican efforts to ban abortion in states across the country, Nevada serves as a bright spot in the fight to protect our fundamental rights and freedoms. Furthermore, your support of the Trust Nevada Women Act (SB 179) during Nevada’s 2019 legislative session, including your written testimony, was vital in ensuring the successful passage of that law and solidified Nevada’s status as one of the states advancing reproductive freedom and abortion access, while other states work to restrict it.

We also thank you for joining the fight to safeguard insurance coverage for no-copay birth control under the Affordable Care Act, an issue Nevada has been leading on for several years thanks in large part to your leadership. And we thank you for opposing the dangerous and unethical Title X gag rule. These efforts demonstrate your commitment to protecting access to family planning in both private health coverage and publicly funded programs.

Champions like yourself make it possible to continue our work to advocate on behalf of women and to protect reproductive freedom in the face of threats at the federal level. We are incredibly fortunate to have an attorney general in Nevada who understands that safe and legal access to abortion—and everyone’s ability to make their own decisions about pregnancy—is a fundamental right guaranteed under the Constitution and affirmed by the Supreme Court in Roe v. Wade. We look forward to continuing this fight alongside you.

In solidarity,

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