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LEGISLATIVE ALERT – AB 430 threatens fundamental parental rights for all Nevadans

By way of introduction, Nevada Homeschool Network (NHN) advocates for Nevada families who have chosen to direct the education of their children via homeschooling. We also advocate for the fundamental parental rights of all parents. In this capacity, we are writing today about [AB 430](#).

Our concerns:

- This bill will mandate government “home visits” for certain “at risk” Nevada citizens with newborns and young children. In so doing the 4th Amendment Rights¹ and fundamental parental rights² of these parents will be violated without probable cause.
- Placing government mandated “home visits” under the Division of Child and Family Services ([NV-DCFS](#)) is problematic and will add additional casework to an already overburdened bureaucracy.
- There will be a fiscal impact on state and county budgets to implement this new “service.”
- “Appropriately trained professionals” is ambiguous and worrisome.
- The scope and timeframe a family would have to submit to NON-voluntary home visits is not defined.
- The “risk factors” defining families who are to “receive services” via home visits is discriminatory.

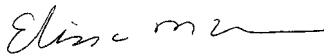
Conclusion:

AB 430 is vaguely written and threatens the constitutional rights of Nevada citizens. Further, there is no credible research showing that what works in a “voluntary” environment will work in a “coercive” environment as required by this bill. This bill is an overreach and without merit. **NHN is OPPOSED to AB 430.**

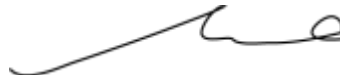
CALL TO ACTION: The bill has been referred to Assembly Committee on Health and Human Services. It has not been given a hearing date at this time. For now, in your own words please share your opinion regarding this bill on the Legislation Opinion page, <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Opinions/80th2019/> . We also encourage you to contact your NV State Assemblyperson and let them know what you think about AB 430. You can find your legislator by clicking this link, <http://mapserve1.leg.state.nv.us/whoRU/> .

PLEASE NOTE: This bill DOES NOT impact homeschool freedom in Nevada. There is no need for you to even mention that you are homeschooler. Instead, you are concerned about the constitutional rights of all NV parents.

Thanks for participating in your government!



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¹ The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

² NRS 126.036 – <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/NRS/NRS-126.html#NRS126Sec036>