

Planned Parenthood Votes Nevada strongly supports the FCC's proposal to adopt the new MEP event code for the transmission of "ASHANTI alerts" through the Emergency Alert System (EAS). This measure is critical in addressing the urgent issue of missing and endangered persons, particularly within Tribal communities. American Indian and Alaska Native people face a disproportionately high risk of violence and abduction, and this targeted alert system will enhance the ability to quickly disseminate crucial information, thereby potentially saving lives.

Ensuring that Tribal communities have access to timely and effective alerts about missing individuals aligns with an integral part of a person's right to live and raise families in safe environments, free from violence and systemic inequities by safeguarding the well-being and security of these communities. By adopting the MEP event code, the FCC will not only be addressing a significant public safety issue but also advancing the broader goal of reproductive justice for marginalized populations.