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**MOTHERS RALLY AT SUNRISE HOSPITAL
-- Rights to Placenta in Question --**

LAS VEGAS, NV – A peaceful group of protesters will gather near the Sunrise Hospital on **Monday, May 7, at 10 a.m.** to show support for one woman who wants her personal property returned from the hospital. The item – her placenta – has raised questions about women’s rights and hospital policy in the city of Las Vegas.

The group is urging Sunrise Hospital to return the placenta of Anne Swanson, who gave birth via cesarean section at the hospital on April 12. Swanson had planned to retain the placenta for encapsulation, a practice that has a long history of providing post partum benefits to mothers. It eases the dramatic hormone drop after birth and also aids in healing.

“I gave birth to my baby and my placenta, and I wanted to leave the hospital with both,” said Anne Swanson. “A hospital does not have the right to impose its personal views upon its patients.”

A legal case is now pending to have the placenta returned to Swanson. Hospital officials notified Swanson this week that they planned to destroy the organ.

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