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To: Senate Judiciary Committee
Chairman Mark Amodei

From: Southern Nevada Multiple Housing Association

Subject: Suggested amendments to Senate Bill 39

Date: February 6, 2003

The following amendments to Senate Bill No. 39 are respectfully submitted for the committee's consideration:

Sec. 2, line 5.....add "*or re-keyed*" after "*change*" and

Sec 3, line 6.....add "*or re-keyed*" after "*change*" and

Sec3, line 9.....strike "*recover damages and obtain injunctive relief*" and replace with "*change or re-key entry locks at landlords expense not to exceed \$75 dollars.*"

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KIDS 'N CARS™

A c a r i s N O T a t o y

February 5, 2003

The Honorable Mark E. Amodei
Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee
401 South Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701

Dear Senator Amodei:

I am writing to urge you to support proposed Senate Bill 17, which is aimed at reducing the number of children left unattended in motor vehicles and thereby preventing injuries and deaths.

At least 12 children have died in Nevada as a result of being left unattended in motor vehicles. Many others have been injured and hospitalized due to this dangerous practice. Often parents or caregivers do not realize the danger of their actions until it is too late and serious harm has befallen a child.

SB 17 authorizes a fine of not more than \$300 if a person responsible for a child 7 years or younger leaves that child unattended in a motor vehicle if the child is placed at risk, or the vehicle's engine is left running, or the vehicle's keys are left anywhere in the passenger compartment. SB17 represents a reasonable approach to preventing injuries and deaths to children by emphasizing increased education and enforcement.

Children left alone in cars in Nevada have died from heat stroke, trunk entrapment, fire, and setting a vehicle into motion. Unattended children have also been injured as a result of a car theft. Nine other states, California, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Maryland, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Washington already have laws that prohibit leaving children unattended in vehicles.

It is our belief that SB 17 will save lives of children in Nevada and urge you to support this important bill.

We applaud your commitment to promoting and protecting the lives and health of all children in Nevada.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Senator
 Mark Amodei, Chairman
 Senate Committee on the Judiciary
 Senate Bill Number 17

Dear Chairman Amodei:

The Clark County Health District supports Senate Bill Number Seventeen.

To support the initiatives of child death and injury prevention, we support Senate Bill Seventeen as an important piece of legislation.

The Health District is assisting with attempts to increase public awareness of the dangers associated with leaving small children alone in vehicles, by supporting a new parent education campaign through the District's main facility on Shadow Lane. This campaign consists of various promotional materials distributed to new parents visiting our center for birth records and infant immunizations.

We are supporting Senate Bill Seventeen because we believe that it will save lives and reduce injuries among small children.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Attachment

Cc: Senator Terry Care
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February 5, 2003

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RE: Support of SB17 (Wiener) Child Safety

Dear Senator Amodei,

The Trauma Foundation is a non-profit organization based at San Francisco General Hospital. For the past 25 years, we have worked to prevent deaths and deaths due to injuries.

We believe that SB17 (Wiener), a bill supported by KIDS 'N CARS, is exactly what Nevada needs to encourage parents and caring adults from leaving children unattended in motor vehicles.

We base our support for his bill on two factors: 1) our data and personal experience shows how very deadly this can be; and 2) studies clearly show that public education is most effective when combined with legislation which reinforces educational messages, and provides a penalty for engaging in this dangerous behavior. This is what SB17 will do.

Please help us raise public consciousness about the dangers of leaving children unattended in vehicles by supporting SB17. Together, we can help protect Nevada's children.

Sincerely,

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