

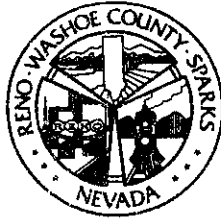
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# DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT

February 7, 2003

Senate Committee on Judiciary  
Nevada State Legislature  
Carson City, NV 89701

Re: Senate Bill 50

Position: Support with modification

Dear Chairman Amodei and Committee Members,

Washoe County District Health Department and the District Board of Health support SB50 with modification to reflect the opinion expressed by the Washoe County voters on November 5, 2002. In this election, 59% of Washoe County voters expressed support for local authorities to adopt regulations that are stronger than state law in order to protect people from secondhand smoke. A similar proportion of voters in Clark County (57%) also supported local control.

The limitations in this bill as introduced (Section 2, Part 5) would not allow local authorities to meet the will of the people. The current language restricts local authority in areas such as grocery stores, restaurants, convenience stores, and other places frequented by children.

I strongly urge passage of SB50 with the appropriate changes to meet our constituents' needs.

Sincerely,

Barbara Hunt, RN, MPA  
District Health Officer

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