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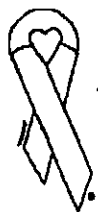
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Senator Ann O'Connell
Nevada Legislature
Room 2126, State Capitol
Carson City, Nevada

Dear Senator O'Connell,

RE: SB 302 Support

Please list the Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Program[®] in support of SB 302, which requires the addition of a safe bitter ingredient (denatonium benzoate) in the manufacture of antifreeze to make it unpalatable. We feel that the addition of this ingredient will prevent avoidable accidental ingestions which are reported yearly nationwide. Ingestion of two teaspoons of antifreeze can kill a child; even less can kill a dog or cat. The addition of a bittering agent would cause a child to spit out the normally sweet tasting substance, and animals would never indulge in a second lick.

In Carson County, Nevada, 16 human exposures were recorded last year. 8 exposures were recorded last year in Northern Nevada. Most of these exposures were intentional suicides. Antifreeze ingestion causes nervous system damage, irreparable kidney damage, unconsciousness, blindness, nausea, violent vomiting, and, in many cases, death.

Please join us in supporting SB 302, important legislation that will prevent further deadly results of antifreeze ingestion.

Help us save precious lives!

Sincerely,

Dale W. Emme, Executive Director
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Beverlee McGrath

From: Linda [lflatt@lvcm.com]
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2003 10:54 AM
To: Dean Rhoads; Mike McGinness; Raymond Shaffer; Mark Amodei; Bob Coffin; Michael Schneider; Maggie Carlton
Cc: Ann O'Connell; Beverlee McGrath
Subject: SB304

March 28, 2003

Dear Senator Rhoads and members of the Natural Resources Committee:

I write to urge the adoption of Senate Bill No. 304 that requires addition of a bittering agent to certain antifreeze to render it unpalatable. I recently became aware of the fact that in Nevada there are a significant number of completed suicides and suicide attempts using ethylene glycol antifreeze, and as an advocate for improved suicide prevention efforts in the US and in NV, I support this important legislation.

Goal 5 of the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention (announced by then US Surgeon General David Satcher in 2001) calls for promotion of efforts to reduce access to lethal means and methods of self harm. Objective 5:6 recommends the institution of incentives for the discovery of new technologies to prevent suicide by 2005. The technology to help protect US and Nevada citizens and pets from the harmful effects of antifreeze ingestion has been used in other products (cosmetics, thumb sucking products, plant products, etc.) for over forty years with no adverse effects.

Thus, the adoption of SB 304 seems a socially responsible means to conform with Objective 5:6 of the NSSP and reduce suicides, improve public safety, and promote injury prevention. Thank you for your consideration of this much needed legislation.

Linda L. Flatt
Community Organizer, Suicide Prevention Action Network USA Chair, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention - Nevada Chapter 300 Vallarte Drive Henderson, NV 89014 702-451-4338

AD/HD Child Advocate Services

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March 28, 2003

Senator Ann O'Connell
Nevada Legislature
Room 2126
State Capitol
Carson City, Nevada

Dear Senator O'Connell:

Please list our organization in SUPPORT of SB 304, a bill which requires a bitter ingredient be added to antifreeze. We feel that any measures industry can take to prevent children from accidentally ingesting a highly toxic, lethal product would be helpful.

We feel that the thousands of accidental ingestions that the American Association of Poison Control Centers reports on a yearly basis is avoidable statistic. Making antifreeze unpalatable is the solution. We hope that all of the legislators will support this important measure, as it advances through the process.

Thank you.

I remain
An Advocate for all children



Mrs. Rose Moore
Owner and Founder of
AD/HD Child Advocate Services

Cc: Board of Directors

Remember.....Whatever we do, we do it for the kids.

ROSE MOORE

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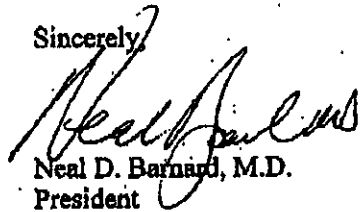
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March 11, 2003

To Whom It May Concern:

The Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine (PCRM) supports bill BDR51-842 to require the addition of a bittering agent to antifreeze in order to prevent ingestion by children and animals.

Sincerely,



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March 31, 2003

Ms. Beverlee McGrath, Director
Western Legislative Office
Doris Day Animal League
5011 West Gonzales Road
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Dear Ms. McGrath:

We have been made aware of your proposed legislation (Senate Bill No. 304) to require a bitter ingredient be added to anti-freeze. Concerns for accidental poisoning of wildlife compel us to add our support to this bill. With increased urbanization of Nevada's population base comes a higher risk of wildlife interaction with potentially harmful substances. This legislation would be most helpful to help deter this threat.

Please count us as supporting this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry R. Crawford".

Terry R. Crawford
Administrator

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March 27, 2003

Senator Ann O'Connell
Nevada Legislature

SUPPORT SB 304

Dear Senator O'Connell:

Twenty-one Nevada pet clinics were recently surveyed, and they reported 78 pet cases of antifreeze ingestions in the year 2001. All but 11 of these animals died. An animal must receive immediate medical attention in order to survive, but even with immediate medical attention, the animal usually suffers from damage to the liver. Unfortunately, there is no antidote to ethylene glycol poisoning, and after ingestion, an animal is dead within hours.

We **SUPPORT SB 304**, a bill which requires a bitter ingredient be added to antifreeze, in an effort to protect the public. Humane organizations nationwide list thousands of pets that fall victim to the appealing, sweet-tasting antifreeze.

Vehicle radiators overheat and the lethal fluid spills into puddles that attract pets. Uninformed homeowners drain their radiators in their driveways and pets are attracted to the pooled sweet-tasting antifreeze, not realizing that they will be dead in a matter of hours. Making antifreeze bitter to the taste will prevent these ingestions.

We urge you to vote 'yes' on this bill April 2nd when it will be heard in your committee.

Sincerely,

Doctor Haig
Carson Valley Medical Medical Veterinary Hospital
1390 Highway 88
Mindon, Nevada

[Handwritten signatures: Jeffrey DVM, Janet Green, Ann, Stephen C. Sabat DVM]

Mar. 29, 2003

Senator O'Connell,

Thank you for introducing SB 304. I support this bill, which will require the addition of a bittering agent to antifreeze.

As an Animal Control Officer with Douglas County for over 25 years, I have, on several occasions, encountered animals seriously injured or killed by the ingestion of antifreeze. Because of antifreeze's sweet taste, animals have a 'fatal attraction' to it. Whether deliberately left out by sick individuals wanting to intentionally harm innocent animals or accidentally left in a yard or garage by someone who then finds his pet the victim of human carelessness, the end result is the same. The animal suffers, sometimes fatally, always painfully, as the chemicals damage the kidneys, eventually shutting them down and causing toxins to build up in the body until seizures and, possibly, death occur.

Veterinary costs to test and treat the animal can run as high as \$800-\$1000. Many pet owners cannot afford to spend this amount and must decide, instead, to have the animal euthanized. In the case of a small, young kitten, as little as two tablespoons of antifreeze could be enough to severely compromise the animal.

If simply adding an ingredient will make antifreeze unappealing to pets, it is well worth the cost the manufacturers will incur. This cost can easily be recovered by claiming their product has been made 'pet friendly'.

My one concern about this bill is that in Sec.1.4.(b) it provides that the section does not apply to 'a wholesale container of antifreeze containing 55 gallons or more'. This allows for the possession of the 'deadly' antifreeze by individuals working in the auto repair field who may wish to do harm to animals by placing antifreeze in accessible locations. This would also allow for the small accidental spill of antifreeze from overheated vehicles or radiator leaks. When as little as two tablespoons could prove fatal, this exemption could allow for animal fatalities. Please consider eliminating this exemption to this provision.

Thank you for considering my views on this bill.

Respectfully,

Nancee Goldwater

Nancee Goldwater



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March 27, 2003

Senator Ann O'Connell
Nevada Legislature
Room 2126, State Capitol
Carson City, Nevada Humane Society

SUPPORT SB 304

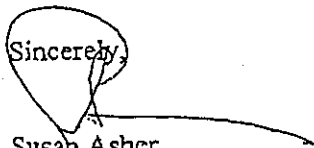
Dear Senator O'Connell,

Twenty-one Nevada pet clinics were recently surveyed and they reported 78 cases of pet ingestion of antifreeze in 2001. All but 11 of these animals died. An animal must receive immediate medical attention in order to survive, but even then will most likely suffer liver damage. Unfortunately there is no antidote to ethylene glycol poisoning and after ingestion an animal may die within hours.

We SUPPORT SB 304 which requires that a bitter ingredient be added to antifreeze to discourage ingestion by animals. Humane organizations nationwide list thousands of pets that fall victim to the appealing, sweet-tasting antifreeze.

Vehicle radiators overheat and the lethal fluid spills into puddles that attract animals. Uninformed homeowners drain their radiators in their driveways and even an accidental spill in the garage can be deadly to a family pet. Making antifreeze bitter to the taste would help prevent the ingestions.

We urge you to vote "yes" on this bill on April 2nd, when it will be heard in your committee. Thank you.

Sincerely,


Susah Asher
Executive Director

March 31, 2003

Senator Dean Rhoads
Nevada Legislature
State Capitol
Carson City, Nevada

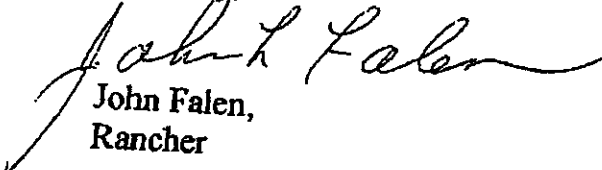
Dear Senator Rhoads:

I am in complete SUPPORT of SB 304, a bill which requires a bitter ingredient be added to antifreeze. We feel that any measure that will prevent animals from accidentally ingesting the pools of antifreeze alongside roads in rural areas would be helpful.

As a cattle rancher in the State of Nevada and former president of the Nevada Cattlemen's Association, I am well aware of the wildlife, livestock and pets that are attracted to the sweet-tasting antifreeze and die a very painful death. These accidental ingestions are avoidable by making antifreeze bitter to the taste.

I hope that all of the legislators will support this important measure, as it advances through the process.

Sincerely,


John Falen,
Rancher



Clinic On Wheels

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January 31, 2003

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To Whom It May Concern:

Clinic On Wheels, Inc. is a non-profit free mobile medical clinic providing care to uninsured and underinsured children and adolescents in the Clark and Nye counties Nevada. "Clinic On Wheels addresses the general health of at-risk children and their siblings by providing free medical screening and empowering their families to reach a healthy lifestyle through health education, community based resource referrals and introduction to existing health insurance programs."

As medical care providers and health educators the health and well-being of children is of utmost important to us. Our providers are primarily nurse practitioners whose theoretical basis of practice is ingrained in health education and empowering individuals and parents to take responsibility for their health and well being. A large part of their practice is health education and parent education regarding the health of their children.

Clinic On Wheels and its parent organization Classrooms On Wheels wholeheartedly supports the Doris Day Animal league in its sponsorship of the bill in support of adding denatonium benzoate (a bittering agent) to ethylene glycol (antifreeze) in order to make it less palatable to children and animals.

Sincerely,


Karen LeRoy APN
Program Manager



March 28, 2003

Senator Ann O'Connell
Committee Members, Natural Resources

RE: Support SB304

Dear Senator O'Connell,

On behalf of our more than 80,000 members, I write in support of Senate Bill 304, a bill which requires the addition of a bittering agent to antifreeze. This legislation is long overdue.

Every year, thousands of pets and wildlife die as a result of ingesting antifreeze from accidental road spills.

We thank you for authoring this bill and we urge the committee members to support this important legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Berman".

Mark Berman
Assistant Director