NEVADA COMMUNITIES POISED TO REGAIN LOCAL CONTROL

Nineteen members of the Nevada legislature recently introduced AB-331, a bill to repeal statewide preemption of local clean indoor air ordinances. Currently, cities and counties in Nevada are not allowed to pass any ordinance restricting smoking in workplaces and public venues which is stronger than the weak standard found in the state’s clean indoor air law. AB-331 will be heard before the Assembly Judicial Committee at 8:30 a.m. on March 22nd in Room 4109 of the State Legislative Building.

Preemption is the tobacco industry’s number one legislative goal. Twenty nine states have fallen prey to the tobacco industry’s push for preemption. To date, only one of these state preemption laws has been repealed.

A once-secret Philip Morris document identified as Nevada “Class A state,” where preemption has been enacted. In Class A states, “our objective is to work with the [Hospitality] industry to insure that we...are positioned to fend off attempts to remove preemption...” AB-331 gives us the opportunity make sure the Marlboro Man doesn’t get his way in Nevada. Working together we can make a difference and restore legislative authority over tobacco to its rightful place, at the local level!


WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP:

1. **Call or write your state legislators NOW**, urging them to restore local control of tobacco to cities and counties by voting YES on AB 331. Write to: Honorable [Name], State Legislative Building, 401 S. Carson St., Carson City, NV 89701. Call your Assembly Member at: (702) 687-6810.

2. **Encourage your County Board of Commissioners and District Board of Health** to enact a resolution asking the state Legislature to repeal statewide preemption and restore local control of tobacco to Nevada’s cities and counties.

3. **Write letters to the editor** of your local newspaper in support of AB-331. Elected officials read these letters to gauge public support for an issue.

For more information or a sample resolution call Denise Brodsky, Clark County Commission (702) 455-3500 or Elva Yance at ANR (510) 841-3032.

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