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Re: Assembly Bill 315

Dear Members of the Assembly Committee on Health and Human Services,

Good afternoon Chairwoman Koivisto and Members of the Committee. For the record, my name is Buffy Martin and I serve as the Government Relations Director for the American Cancer Society. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Assembly Bill 315.

According to the American Cancer Society, in 2003 we can expect 10,300 new cases of cancer in Nevada. About 4,300 Nevadans will die from cancer this year. Identifying trends in the rate of cancer incidence relating to geography or population is vital to helping the fight against cancer.

Assembly Bill 315 would create the necessary link to analyze possible cancer trends, and would establish interdepartmental action that could control and consequently prevent any further rates of incidence of cancer affecting a particular area or population.

Analysis, research and education could be the tools that help our state stem the rising cases of cancer and cancer related deaths.

By passing Assembly Bill 315, you will send a strong message of support to victims and survivors of cancer.

On behalf of the American Cancer Society and our volunteers, we urge you to help us fight cancer and ask for your support of Assembly Bill 315.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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