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~~Ask your permission to allow Dr. Ameli at GSSOB to speak before me:~~

~~Dr. Sean Ameli, Nevada Cardiology Associates, Chief of Cardiology—Mtn. View Hosp. Incoming Chair of AHA Board in LV.~~

~~(Needs to get back to the business of saving lives.)~~

RC: AHA supports the right of nonsmokers—esp. kids—to breathe safe indoor air. We support AB96.

Recent poll conducted by Magellan Resources: **64.3% favor local control of tobacco regulation.** 57% of voters in Clark and Washoe counties recently voted in support of the ballot advisory questions.

As you can see, voters support the local control provisions of this bill.

Even stronger voter support exists for protecting kids and the elderly from secondhand smoke in places such as restaurants, grocery and convenience stores.

**Nearly 80% of respondents agree that smoking should be banned in restaurants and public buildings, while 87% believe that smoking should be prohibited in grocery, convenience and drug stores.** (This includes many smokers). Voters recently supported such smoking bans by an average of 67%; the results for your districts are listed in the back of this publication.

I am also speaking this morning as a member of the Clark County Clean Indoor Air For Kids Task Force. The Task Force is comprised of 28 organizations with one goal: to protect kids from premature death or avoidable infection and risk due to secondhand smoke. Members include the So. NV Black Nurses Assn., Mtn. View Hospital, St. Rose Hospital, Nevada Care, Pacificare, the American Heart Association, Rainbow Medical, 100 Black Men of So NV, Latinos Together Against Disease and numerous others.

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I have brought with me today copies of 54 letters e-mailed via CleanAirForKids.com to members of this committee in support of AB96. These letters—from doctors, CEOs, and everyday people like myself—reflect a broad base of support for protecting kids from secondhand smoke in our restaurants, stores and schools.

Minutes ago I pulled information from the Legislative website: 292 people have expressed their opinion on AB96 via the website. Of these 292 people, 286 were in support.

As of this morning there have been 833 bills introduced in this Legislature. Of those 833 bills, smoking bills rank #1 and #7 in terms of public interest as reflected in this print-out from the LCB website.

Every poll, every vote, every count, every survey reflects that Nevadans overwhelmingly support protecting kids and others from secondhand smoke. The AHA urges your support of AB96.

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