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# Carson High School

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Good morning Mr. Chairman and fellow committee members. For the record my name is Ashley Bauer and I am a sophomore at Carson High School, and currently a member of Carson City's Teens Against Tobacco Use.

I am here today to strongly support assembly bill 96. Here is some brief history of my relations to second hand smoke and tobacco use: since my brother who is three and a half years older than I was 7 and diagnosed with asthma, my dad was strongly urged to quit smoking. Not listening, he kept lighting them up one after another. there was never a place or time at which he wasn't smoking whether it was at home, in the car, in hotel rooms it didn't matter. Now my brother uses an inhaler and. Now my dad is still smoking and is now suffering from chronic bronchitis.

October 12, 1998 my 71 year old grandma, who had been smoking for 61 long years, woke up one morning unable to breathe. Luckily, she came to her senses and realized this as a wake up call and decided to quit smoking then and there. 5 years later she is cigarette free yet still living with emphysema. Having known that she was going to be living along side an oxygen tank, I am certain she would have never picked up cigarette in the first place. Unfortunately it is too late to change the past, but knowing that my grandma started to smoke when she was 13 has encouraged me to teach youth the dangers and harms of smoking and second hand smoke alone.

These events are the main reason i spend my time presenting to elementary schools, to get the message into their heads that tobacco products lead to death.

Please join our fight against second hand smoke and vote in favor of Assembly Bill 96

Thank you

ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY

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