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PARTNERSHIP FOR
PREVENTION.

AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION,
Washington, DC, October 23, 1997.

Hon. FRANK LAUTENBERG,
U.S. Senate,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SENATOR LAUTENBERG: The American Lung Association commends you on the introduction of the Public Health and Education Resource Act (PHAER). As you know, the American Lung Association has pursued a significant price increase in the federal cigarette excise tax for many years.

Tobacco use is the nation's leading preventable cause of death and disability. Each year an estimated 419,000 people die from diseases directly caused from smoking. Three thousand children start smoking each day in this country. One thousand of them will eventually die from a smoking-related disease. Smoking costs this nation at least \$97.2 billion annually. Of that total cost, \$22 billion is paid by the Federal government. Over the next 20 years, Medicare alone will spend an estimated \$800 billion to care for people with smoking related illnesses.

Reducing tobacco consumption among our nation's youth has long been a goal of the American Lung Association. The bulk of academic research indicates that a sharp and sudden increase in the price of tobacco products has the effect of lowering smoking rates among teens. Raising the price per pack by at least \$1.50 or more would help achieve that desired outcome.

The American Lung Association applauds your continued efforts and leadership in reducing tobacco consumption, especially among our youth, and we look forward to working with you as this tobacco-related legislation progresses through Congress.

Sincerely,

FRAN DUMELLE,
Deputy Managing Director.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES,
Washington, DC, October 23, 1997.

Hon. FRANK R. LAUTENBERG,
U.S. Senate, Hart Senate Office Building,
Washington, DC

DEAR SENATOR LAUTENBERG: The National Association of Counties (NACo) is pleased to support your bill, the Public Health and Education Resource (PHAER) Act. The legislation is a strong step forward for public health activities related to tobacco and helps focus the congressional debate on legislative language rather than broad concepts.

We particularly support your recognition of the role of counties and other local governments in the provision of health services. Counties, in collaboration with states, will be key to the success of the public health programs outlined in the PHAER trust fund, including tobacco education and prevention, smoking cessation, and counter advertising. NACo appreciates your work to ensure a local government role in the planning and implementation of the trust fund's health activities.

Thank you again for your leadership on this issue. Dan Katz of your staff has been

very responsive to our concerns. NACo looks forward to working with you and your staff as tobacco legislation moves forward.

Very Truly Yours,

RANDY JOHNSON,
President, NACo,
Hennepin County Commissioner.

PHAER: REDUCTION IN YOUTH SMOKING AND INCREASE IN LIVES SAVED

State	Youth smoking reduction under Industry/AG settlement (percent) ¹	Youth smoking reduction under \$1.50-per-pack tax (percent) ¹	Additional lives saved under \$1.50-per-pack tax vs. Industry/AG settlement ¹
Alabama	25.1	60.6	29,666
Alaska	19.6	47.3	4,996
Arizona	18.9	45.6	26,359
Arkansas	23.1	55.9	16,351
California	20.9	50.6	137,480
Colorado	24.1	58.2	29,680
Connecticut	20.0	48.5	15,962
Delaware	24.3	58.9	5,725
D.C.	18.2	44.0	1,272
Florida	22.9	55.3	96,439
Georgia	26.3	63.7	48,981
Hawaii	17.2	41.7	5,051
Idaho	22.8	55.0	7,775
Illinois	21.0	50.9	77,720
Indiana	26.8	64.9	53,553
Iowa	22.1	53.6	16,846
Kansas	24.5	59.2	17,103
Kentucky	28.7	69.4	35,762
Louisiana	25.1	60.6	37,716
Maine	22.0	53.3	9,757
Maryland	21.9	53.0	26,659
Massachusetts	17.1	41.3	25,617
Michigan	17.9	43.3	58,614
Minnesota	19.3	46.7	26,554
Mississippi	24.8	59.9	17,165
Missouri	25.7	62.1	43,386
Montana	25.4	61.4	5,416
Nebraska	22.6	54.7	11,396
Nevada	21.0	50.9	9,434
New Hampshire	23.6	57.2	7,979
New Jersey	21.5	51.9	41,304
New Mexico	23.8	57.5	11,262
New York	18.8	45.4	100,545
North Carolina	27.5	66.6	64,751
North Dakota	21.6	52.2	3,758
Ohio	25.1	60.6	101,429
Oklahoma	24.3	58.9	22,047
Oregon	21.1	51.1	18,402
Pennsylvania	23.6	57.2	92,073
Rhode Island	19.3	46.7	6,433
South Carolina	27.2	65.8	25,691
South Dakota	23.0	55.6	4,774
Tennessee	26.0	62.9	38,859
Texas	22.0	53.3	115,888
Utah	22.5	54.4	11,127
Vermont	20.7	50.1	3,633
Virginia	26.2	63.3	50,287
Washington	15.8	38.2	24,163
West Virginia	26.0	62.9	14,219
Wisconsin	20.8	50.4	34,603
Wyoming	25.5	61.7	3,671
Total	n/a	n/a	1,695,433

¹ Source: American Cancer Society, October 1997.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 61

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 61, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to extend eligibility for veterans' burial benefits, funeral benefits, and related benefits for veterans of certain service in the United States merchant marine during World War II.

S. 89

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 89, a bill to prohibit discrimination against individuals and their family members on the basis of genetic information, or a request for genetic services.

S. 219

At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, the name of the Senator from North Da-

kota [Mr. DORGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 219, a bill to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to establish procedures for identifying countries that deny market access for value-added agricultural products of the United States.

S. 222

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. KERREY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 222, a bill to establish an advisory commission to provide advice and recommendations on the creation of an integrated, coordinated Federal policy designed to prepare for and respond to serious drought emergencies.

S. 358

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 358, a bill to provide for compassionate payments with regard to individuals with blood-clotting disorders, such as hemophilia, who contracted human immunodeficiency virus due to contaminated blood products, and for other purposes.

S. 440

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 440, a bill to deauthorize the Animas-La Plata Federal reclamation project and to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into negotiations to satisfy, in a manner consistent with all Federal laws, the water rights interests of the Ute Mountain Ute Indian Tribe and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

S. 714

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 714, a bill to make permanent the Native American Veteran Housing Loan Pilot Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

S. 829

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 829, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage the production and use of clean-fuel vehicles, and for other purposes.

S. 850

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] were added as cosponsors of S. 850, a bill to amend the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, to make it unlawful for any stockyard owner, market agency, or dealer to transfer or market nonambulatory livestock, and for other purposes.

S. 852

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the names of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 852, a bill to establish nationally uniform requirements regarding the titling and registration of salvage, nonrepairable, and rebuilt vehicles.

S. 995

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 995, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain interstate conduct relating to exotic animals.

S. 1024

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1024, a bill to make chapter 12 of title 11 of the United States Code permanent, and for other purposes.

S. 1037

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1037, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish incentives to increase the demand for and supply of quality child care, to provide incentives to States that improve the quality of child care, to expand clearing-house and electronic networks for the distribution of child care information, to improve the quality of child care provided through Federal facilities and programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1050

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1050, a bill to assist in implementing the Plan of Action adopted by the World Summit for Children.

S. 1096

At the request of Mr. KERREY, the names of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. JEFFORDS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1096, a bill to restructure the Internal Revenue Service, and for other purposes.

S. 1141

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1141, a bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to take into account newly developed renewable energy-based fuels and to equalize alternative fuel vehicle acquisition incentives to increase the flexibility of controlled fleet owners and operators, and for other purposes.

S. 1260

At the request of Mr. GRAMM, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. ASHCROFT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1260, a bill to amend the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to limit the conduct of securities class actions under State law, and for other purposes.

S. 1284

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BURNS], the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. SMITH], and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. CHAFEE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1284, a bill to prohibit construction of any monument, memorial, or other structure at the site of the Iwo Jima Memo-

rial in Arlington, Virginia, and for other purposes.

S. 1311

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY], and the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. KOHL] were added as cosponsors of S. 1311, a bill to impose certain sanctions on foreign persons who transfer items contributing to Iran's efforts to acquire, develop, or produce ballistic missiles.

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. ASHCROFT], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. THURMOND], the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BOND], the Senator from Montana [Mr. BURNS], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON], the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. FORD], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. ROTH], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY], and the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1311, *supra*.

S. 1323

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. WELLSTONE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1323, a bill to regulate concentrated animal feeding operations for the protection of the environment and public health, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 116

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN], and the Senator from Illinois [Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 116, a resolution designating November 15, 1997, and November 15, 1998, as "America Recycles Day."

AMENDMENT NO. 1345

At the request of Mr. BENNETT the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1345 intended to be proposed to S. 1173, a bill to authorize funds for construction of highways, for highway safety programs, and for mass transit programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1346

At the request of Mr. BENNETT the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1346 intended to be proposed to S. 1173, a bill to authorize funds for construction of highways, for highway safety programs, and for mass transit programs, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 141—RELATIVE TO THE NATIONAL CONCERN ABOUT YOUNG PEOPLE AND GUN VIOLENCE DAY

Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. BRYAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. FORD, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr.

ROTH, Mr. KOHL, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. WARNER, Mr. FRIST, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. SPECTER and Mr. ROBB) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. RES. 141

Whereas every day in America, 15 children under the age of 19 are killed with guns;

Whereas in 1994, approximately 70 percent of murder victims aged 15 to 17 were killed with a handgun;

Whereas in 1995, nearly 8 percent of high school students reported having carried a gun in the past 30 days;

Whereas young people are our Nation's most important resource, and we, as a society, have a vested interest in helping children grow from a childhood free from fear and violence into healthy adulthood;

Whereas young people can, by taking responsibility for their own decisions and actions, and by positively influencing the decisions and actions of others, help chart a new and less violent direction for the entire Nation;

Whereas students in every school district in the Nation will be invited to take part in a day of nationwide observance involving millions of their fellow students, and will thereby be empowered to see themselves as significant agents in a wave of positive social change; and

Whereas the observance of this day will give the students the opportunity to make an earnest decision about their future by voluntarily signing the "Student Pledge Against Gun Violence", and sincerely promise that the students will never take a gun to school, will never use a gun to settle a dispute, and will use their influence to keep friends from using guns to settle disputes: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) November 6, 1997, should be designated as "National Concern About Young People and Gun Violence Day"; and

(2) the President should be authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the school children of the United States to observe such day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I rise today to submit a resolution proclaiming November 6, 1997, as National Concern about Young People and Gun Violence Day. Last year, Senators WELLSTONE, SPECTER, and Bradley introduced this resolution. I am joined by Senator KEMPTHORNE and many other colleagues today in supporting an identical resolution. We have all seen the good that can come from focusing attention on young people and helping organizations across the country mobilize children to stay away from gun violence.

The Day of Concern was initiated by Mary Lewis Grow, a Minnesota homemaker, in 1996. Other groups, such as Mothers Against Violence in America, have joined her effort to establish a Day of Concern. The proclamation of a special day of recognition also provided support to a national effort to encourage students to sign a pledge against gun violence. In 1996, 32,000 students in Washington State signed the pledge card, as did more than 200,000 children in New York City, and tens of thousands more across the nation.

The Student Pledge Against Gun Violence calls for a national observance on