

Smoke-Free Gaming

An advocacy organization for gaming employees and patrons in support of smoke-free casino environments.

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Chairwoman

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“Players are gambling longer and aren't walking out of here smelling like smoke. The policy also means no dirty ashtrays or burn holes on the tables.”

Donna Harris
Mirage Director of Poker Operations



Source:

More poker rooms going smoke-free

By Liz Benston, LAS VEGAS SUN , February 14, 2005



Frank Fahrenkopf, President
American Gaming Association

"A year or two down the road there's not any public facility you're going to be able to smoke a cigarette in and that includes us."



Summary

The Gaming Industry

1. Strongly opposes ALL clean indoor air laws with the position that ventilation is a solution.
2. Argues revenue loss. It's ALWAYS about the money!
3. Very little or no concern for casino employee health and frequent displays of employer retaliation.

Tobacco Control Groups

1. Conduct ongoing health studies, public opinion polls, air tests, etc. with media support.
2. Develop a strong grassroots base of support and a strong coalition.
3. Understand that when casinos are smoke free, compliance increases statewide. Less exemptions equals more compliance.

