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Tuesday, June 6, 2023

To: The Members of the Nevada AAP

From: Terence McAllister, MD, FAAP, Chapter Vice President

Re: Governor Lombardo Vetoes SB302 and Other Advocacy Priorities

I am writing to address the concerns I have heard from many of you about the significant negative impact the current political climate is having on our patients and on our profession.

On Sunday, June 4, Governor Lombardo vetoed [SB302](#), a bill similar to one passed in other states, that shields physicians and patients from allowing politicians to use our clinics for their political gain. To learn more about this national issue, I recommend reading [Why We Stand Up for Transgender Children and Teens](#) by Moira Szilagyi, MD, PhD, FAAP.

To date, Governor Lombardo has vetoed 32 bills, including many bills chapter members prioritized this session including gun violence prevention bills [AB354](#) and [AB355](#) which I and Nevada AAP Gun Violence Prevention Advocate Anjali Agrawal, DO provided testimony for. The governor also vetoed [SB169](#) which was supported by Nevada AAP Chapter Climate Advocate Debra Hendrickson, MD, FAAP which would have protected children against the increase in extreme heat in Nevada. Learn more about all the bills we followed this session on [NevadaAAP.org/2023](#).

A big thank you to all the chapter members who participated in our advocacy priority survey last December and a special thank you to chapter members who testified on bills including Nevada AAP Board Members Jose Cucalon Calderon, MD, FAAP and Steven Shane, MD, MS, FAAP. Several of the bills they supported have passed the legislative process and are waiting in the Governor's office for a signature.

Throughout my career, I have found strength in peer relationships. Since moving to Nevada five years ago, I have found inspiration and friendship through this chapter. I thank you all for your membership and for sharing this professional journey with me.

I invite you to continue this and other critical conversations with your fellow members at our upcoming events:

Saturday, June 17: Quarterly Virtual Member Meeting

Monday, June 19: Member Networking Event in Las Vegas

Friday, June 30: Member Networking Event in Reno

Learn more and register on <https://nevadaaap.org/calendar>.

Thank you for your membership and your dedication to the health of all children.