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Global Gaming and Smokefree Air: Good for Business



[Las Vegas, NV] September 26, 2016: Thousands of people who work in casinos or who are gaming enthusiasts will descend upon Las Vegas, September 24 – 29, for the Global Gaming Expo (G2E). G2E is the largest gaming show in the U.S. and is the preeminent source of information on many aspects of the gaming business, from pending regulations to the newest slot machines. The American Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation will be in attendance to learn about current issues of interest and to promote the benefits of smokefree casinos – for worker and player health and for overall casino business.

"Decades ago, the norm was that smoking and gambling went hand in hand," said Cynthia Hallett, President and CEO of the American Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation, *"but that was well before the science documenting the negative health effects of secondhand smoke on the nonsmoker."* Today, the environment has changed dramatically. The research is clear – there is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke, and even a little exposure can cause a lot of harm. Smoking sections, smoking rooms, and even sophisticated casino HVAC systems do not protect people from the health hazards. The only known way to protect people from secondhand smoke is with a 100% smokefree environment.

Smokefree indoor air is the norm in many U.S. regional gaming markets and in numerous countries. There are approximately 800 U.S. casinos and gambling venues that are smokefree indoors as a result of local and state smokefree laws and policies. Smokefree laws provide parity for gaming operators. More importantly, they save lives. To learn more, visit booth 4014.

For more information about secondhand smoke in casinos:

CDC: <https://chronicdata.cdc.gov/Policy/Going-Smokefree-Matters-Casinos-Infographic/xdg2-nh8n>

NIOSH: <https://blogs.cdc.gov/niosh-science-blog/2009/06/16/smoke/>

ANR Foundation: <http://smokefreecasinos.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/SCF-2-Page-Web.pdf>

