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Greetings,

We want to introduce you to Nevada Homeschool Network! It is our mission to advocate for homeschooling and the freedom of each family to direct the education of their own children.

Nevada Homeschool Network (NHN) was established in 2002 as the first statewide homeschool organization and has participated in every legislative session since. We have advocated for some great bills: allowing more educational options for expelled students, sports for homeschooled kids, CAPTA language that mirrors existing Federal law, and a comprehensive homeschool bill in 2007.

We'd like to direct your attention to a study we had commissioned a few years ago called *Homeschooling in Nevada; The Budgetary Impact,* which found that homeschooled and private schooled students provided Nevada school districts a net gain of between \$25.9 and \$42.7 million annually. This study was later republished in a peer reviewed journal. http://www.nevadahomeschoolnetwork.com/NvHomeschoolingwithcoverletters.pdf

We know there will be many bills before you during the 76th legislative session, many pertaining to education, and maybe some touching on homeschooling...we urge you to keep in mind that homeschool students thrive if their parents have the freedom to make the most appropriate educational choices for their individual child.

With more and more parents seeking educational options, combined with the fact that those options save taxpayer's money, educational choices such as homeschooling should not only be explored, but advanced.

NHN Officers have been working with Nevada education and government officials and the homeschool community for more than 20 years (even prior to our formation many of us served in regional homeschool organizations). We actively seek to share our knowledge and support of homeschooling with all. So, if you have a concern or a question that needs research, we would like to make our time and resources available to assist you. Some of the new public charter school programs look a lot like homeschooling, but they aren't! Let us explain the differences.

For your convenience, NHN Officer's names and numbers (removed for website publication) are: Frank Schnorbus, Barbara Dragon, Kelley Millard-Radow, Elissa Wahl, Laura Siegel.

Please feel free to call on any one of us at any time. We look forward to working closely with you in the future!

Frank Schnorbus, Chair NHN