



TESTIMONY TO ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

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Chair Watts and Members of the Assembly Committee on Growth and Infrastructure,

Nevada Policy opposes Assembly Bill 144 which would ban the sale of certain types of light bulbs in the state of Nevada hindering consumer choice. The reality is that a ban on fluorescent lamps is unneeded because consumers are already transitioning over to LED lights with The US Energy Information Administration noting [nearly half of U.S. households use LED bulbs for all or most of their indoor lighting](#). This [growth in market share](#) is expected to continue and trends in LED vs other lightening types for all the reasons listed by the sponsors. It is important to remember that the increasing voluntary consumer adoption means the estimated cost savings of implanting a ban are being overestimated by the erroneous belief that consumers will not choose LED and more energy efficient lamps over fluorescent bulbs on their own.

Plenty of [studies](#) on consumer behaviors reveal the public is smart enough to make their own choices and regulators' presumption of consumer irrationality is wrong. Whether it be fuel-efficient vehicles or energy efficient light bulbs and appliances, all heavy-handed government regulation does is impose granter costs on late adopters and eliminate consumer choice.

Sincerely,

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