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Testimony for Aging and Disability Services Division  
Tobacco Settlement Funds Budget Hearing  
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There are over 55 Community Based Organization (CBO) members in the Nevada Senior Corps Association who collectively have maintained over 12,000 homebound seniors in their homes for the past 8 years, who otherwise would be at risk for institutionalization.

They have accomplished this for around 4.5 million dollars a year, whereas institutionalization would have cost the state at least a billion dollars a year. The funding for these services has come from the Independent Living Grants (ILG's) through ADSD who utilize the Tobacco Settlement Funds. This is the most cost effective utilization of these funds found anywhere to keep seniors at home and out of costly institutions.

The Governor kept the Tobacco Funds in his budget, so please keep these funds safe to help our seniors live out their lives where they want to be while doing it in the most cost effective manner possible. Keep the Tobacco Settlement Funds safe for our seniors. Thank you.