



## Media Statement

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### Utah Senate defeats SB 87 Clean Air bill with 16 to 12 Vote

**Salt Lake City** – Disappointment abounds as SB 87 was defeated by the Utah Senate with a vote of 16 to 12. Introduced by Minority Leader Senator Gene Davis, SB 87 would allow the Utah Clean Air Board to create clean air standards for Utah that are higher than the minimum EPA national standards by repealing a 30 year old Utah law that prohibits such.

"My bill, SB 87, offered vital change in cleaning up Utah's Toxic Air. Unfortunately the majority decided that we have cleaner air today than we have had in 50 years," stated Senator Gene Davis. "The decision today was that we don't need to do anything about our air. It is a real tragedy when we hate anything to do with the federal government and yet at the same time will accept their minimum standards for our Utah air, in the meantime, I don't see our air getting any cleaner."

"Pollution lobby wins a big one with the defeat of the most serious of the clean air bills of the 2015 session," exclaimed Senator Jim Dabakis. "The big winners were the air pollution lobby, the big losers were the lungs of 100,000 Utah children."

In a statement hand delivered to the entire Senate body, the Utah Manufacturers Association, Utah Petroleum Association and Utah Mining Association wanted the 30 year old law preserved as "air quality controls should be based on science and not on emotion or public pressure."

To see the breakdown of the Senate vote:

<http://le.utah.gov/DynaBill/svotes.jsp?sessionid=2015GS&voteid=536&house=S>

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