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Hello and thank you for your time today to hear our concerns relating to CA Assembly Bill 2286. My name is Sally Andreatta and I am a resident of Corona, CA. My professional line of work is as a certified Mold Inspector and I am an active member of NORMI (the national association of remediators and mold inspectors) I work mainly in residential but also have several commercial clients.

I have grave concerns about the limits that 2286 would put on my work. As a NORMI member, we ...like you are also concerned about indoor air quality. When I am asked to come inspect a home, I will inspect the whole home and provide my client with either a recommendation for remediation or sanitization. Approximately 80% of all mold can be sanitized, a process that includes many different steps but often involves the use of ozone generators. At a recent talk to the Corona/Norco Board of Realtors, I was surprised how many of them assumed that all mold had to be remediated. Obviously, the mold industry is in the need of some standardization here in California.

My point here is that our work at NORMI is providing many home and business owners with an option to costly remediation. Once I have completed an inspection I then provide my customers with a standard report about how to keep their home mold free. Part of this report includes a 36 point plan from Doug Hoffman's Mold Free Construction. I would like to read you number two:

I have been in this business for just a short time now, about three years, and have worked with both residential and commercial ozone generators. I understand the need for caution when working with ozone but I have to tell you that I have installed many many ozone generating purifiers over the last three years with great success when it comes to mold and especially odor control and I have had NO health issues or complaints. One of my clients, LeRoy's Boy's Home in LaVerne, had something die in their duct works in their administration office. The smell was so bad they could hardly work their. I used a residential machine set at a low setting during the day so they could work and the away setting at night to eliminate the odor. Within three days the odor was gone. This is an office that had not only adults but kids in and out all day long. If you limit my access to this equipment what will I use to help my clients in these areas? By the way, after three years of working with ozone on many different levels my kids still complain that I have an abnormal sense of smell and can always find who was in the cookie jar or who didn't brush their teeth. Obviously ozone has not deadened that.

On a final note, I was able to attend the Comfortech HVAC show in Nashville two years ago. Two interesting things happened here. First when I stopped to visit my brother who had just moved there, he begged me to buy one of my demo units I had with me since he had left his at home. He and his son are asthma sufferers and they were having a terrible time due to the new climate. The second was a talk I heard by a University of Cornell professor on IAQ. His number one point...don't think opening your windows and airing out your home is the best that you can do. Outdoor air is just as bad. His suggestion....close all your windows and get an air purifier.