



February 19, 2017

The Honorable Peter Micciche
Alaska State Senate
Alaska State Capitol, Room 514
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Senator Micciche,

The Alaska Dental Society (ADS) is writing in support of SB63.

The Alaska Dental Society fully supports your efforts in passage of Senate Bill 63. Our membership, the dentists of Alaska, are all too familiar with the detrimental effects second hand smoke has on our patients, the citizens of Alaska. The negative health effects of second hand smoke have been thoroughly studied and peer reviewed. Although most commonly associated with pulmonary and cardiovascular disease, multiple studies published and reviewed in the Journal of American Dental Association (JADA), American Journal of Public Health and the Journal of American Medical Association identified links between a higher rate of carries and periodontitis and exposure to second hand smoke. This unfortunate association is not limited to adults. The JADA has found increased rate of carries amongst infants and children exposed to second hand smoke.

Given the overwhelming scientific evidence, the ADS believes that limiting exposure to second hand smoke is in the best interest those Alaskan citizens that do not wish to be incidentally exposed. We support and thank you for proposing SB63.



Dr. Jessica Blanco

Governmental Affairs Chair, Alaska Dental Society



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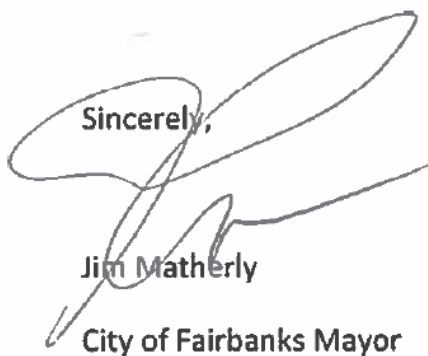
Senator Peter Micciche
State Capitol, Room 514
120 Fourth Street
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Re: Support for SB63

Dear Senator Micciche,

I'm writing this letter to show my support for Senate Bill 63, a bill guaranteeing everyone's right to breathe clean air in smoke-free workplaces. Considering all of the research that has shown the negative impacts of involuntary exposure to tobacco smoke, I'm surprised that this bill hasn't passed sooner. Not only would this bill protect people from secondhand smoke, but there are broader benefits for employees and employers which include reduced health care costs. Although there are many employees that would rather deal with the risks of secondhand smoke than give up their job, I do not believe that people should have to choose between breathing clean air and keeping their current employment.

The City of Fairbanks City Council has also shown their support for this bill by unanimously passing a resolution to support Smoke-Free Alaska.

Sincerely,

Jim Matherly
City of Fairbanks Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. 4787

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A SMOKE-FREE ALASKA

WHEREAS, tobacco smoke contains more than 7,000 chemicals, including at least 69 of which are known to cause cancer,¹ including formaldehyde, benzene, vinyl chloride, arsenic, ammonia, and hydrogen cyanide,² and people who are exposed to secondhand smoke are inhaling many of the same cancer-causing substances and poisons as smokers³; and

WHEREAS, numerous studies have found that tobacco smoke is a major contributor to indoor air pollution and that breathing secondhand smoke is a cause of disease in healthy nonsmokers,⁴ including heart disease, stroke, respiratory disease, and lung cancer²; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 U.S. Surgeon General's Report, *The Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke*, concluded that there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke; ventilation and other air cleaning technologies cannot eliminate exposure of nonsmokers to secondhand smoke; and smoke-free workplace policies are the only effective way to eliminate secondhand smoke exposure in the workplace⁴; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 U.S. Surgeon General's Report, *How Tobacco Smoke Causes Disease*, determined that even occasional exposure to secondhand smoke is harmful⁵; and

WHEREAS, there are serious questions about the safety of inhaling the substances in some e-cigarette aerosol, and e-cigarettes have not been subject to thorough, independent testing, making it difficult for users to be sure of what they are actually inhaling; and

WHEREAS, some studies have shown that some e-cigarettes can cause short-term lung changes and irritations, and the long-term health effects are unknown¹⁰; and

WHEREAS, for every nine smokers who die, one nonsmoker dies from exposure to secondhand smoke⁶; and

WHEREAS, approximately half of Alaska's population is not protected by a smoke-free workplace law⁷; and

WHEREAS, among those who work primarily indoors, young adults aged 18 to 29 are significantly less likely to be protected by a smoke-free indoor workplace policy than other Alaskan adults⁸; and

WHEREAS, research in communities where smoke-free laws have been adopted has consistently shown neutral or positive economic effects to the hospitality industry following a smoke-free workplace requirement⁹; and

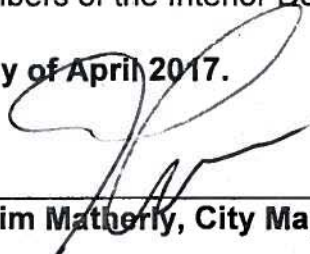
WHEREAS, smoke-free workplace laws protect people from secondhand smoke⁴, reduce tobacco use overall and reduce health care costs⁶; and

WHEREAS, all Alaskans have the right to breathe smoke-free air.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that to protect the health and safety of all workers and visitors from the dangers of secondhand smoke, the Fairbanks City Council supports a law in Alaska to make all workplaces 100% smoke-free; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect upon adoption by the Fairbanks City Council and that the City Clerk is hereby directed to send a copy of this resolution to Governor Walker and members of the Interior Delegation.

PASSED and APPROVED this 3rd Day of April 2017.




Jim Matherly, City Mayor

YEAS: Therrien, Rogers, Pruhs, Norum, Huntington, Cleworth
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
APPROVED: April 3, 2017

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



D. Danyelle Snider, CMC, City Clerk

Paul J. Ewers, City Attorney

Sources:

1. U.S. Surgeon General, *How Tobacco Smoke Causes Disease*, 2010.
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3. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, *Health Effects of Secondhand Smoke*: www.cdc.gov/tobacco/data_statistics/fact_sheets/secondhand_smoke/health_effects/#lung.
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5. U.S. Surgeon General, *How Tobacco Smoke Causes Disease: The Biology and Behavioral Basis for Smoking-Attributable Disease Fact Sheet*, 2010: www.surgeongeneral.gov/library/reports/tobaccosmoke/factsheet.html.
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8. Alaska Department of Health and Human Services, 2012 Alaska Tobacco Facts, 2012.
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February 27, 2017

Senate Health & Social Services Committee
Attn: Chair, Senator David Wilson
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: Support for Senate Bill 63

Dear Chairman Wilson and Members of the Senate Health and Social Services Committee:

The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) is a statewide tribal health organization that serves all 229 tribes and more than 158,000 Alaska Natives and American Indians (AN/AIs) in Alaska. ANTHC and Southcentral Foundation co-manage the Alaska Native Medical Center, the tertiary care hospital for all AN/AI people in Alaska. ANTHC also provides a wide range of statewide public health, community health, environmental health and other programs and services for Alaska Native people and their communities.

On behalf of ANTHC, I write in support of Senate Bill 63. Not all Alaskans are protected from exposure to secondhand smoke. Currently, smoke-free workplace laws cover only half the state's population, and many boroughs lack the authority necessary to pass a local law. The only way for all Alaskans to be protected from the harmful effects of secondhand smoke is through a statewide smoke-free workplace law.

The use of tobacco is the nation's number one cause of preventable death, killing nearly 600 Alaskans each year from direct tobacco use. In 2012, Alaska spent \$538 million in medical expenditures and an additional \$231 million in lost productivity due to tobacco-related deaths. At twice the rate of non-Natives, 42% of AN/AI people smoke and 15% use smokeless tobacco.

Cancer is the leading cause of death among Alaska Native people and lung cancer is one of the most frequently diagnosed cancers. Cigarette smoking is linked to approximately 90% of all lung cancer cases in the United States. Heart disease is the second leading cause of death among AN/AI people and smoking and exposure to secondhand smoke are major risk factors for heart disease.

There is widespread support for smoke-free workplaces. Among AI/AN adults, 89% believe smoking should not be allowed in indoor work areas and 86% support smoke-free restaurants.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments. Please do not hesitate contact me at (907) 729-1908 or by email at gmoses@anthc.org with any questions or if additional information can be provided.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gerald Moses". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gerald" and last name "Moses" clearly distinguishable.

Gerald Moses
Senior Director of Intergovernmental Affairs



April 19, 2016

Senator Peter Micciche
State Capitol, Room: 514
120 E. 4th St.
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Micciche,

The Denali Oncology Group and the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) strongly support Alaska Senate Bill 1 to create smoke-free workplaces. We urge the Alaska legislature to enact a smoke-free workplace law as soon as possible.

The Denali Oncology Group (DOG), an organization of oncologists and other health care professionals, is the Alaska Affiliate of ASCO, the national organization representing nearly 40,000 physicians and other healthcare professionals specializing in cancer treatment, diagnosis, and prevention.

The U.S. Surgeon General's 2014 report, *"50th Anniversary Surgeon General's Report: The Health Consequences of Smoking—50 Years of Progress,"* noted that tobacco smoke contains more than 7,000 chemicals, including hundreds that are toxic and about 70 that can cause cancer; and secondhand smoke exposure caused more than 7,300 lung cancer deaths each year during 2005–2009 among adult nonsmokers in the United States.

Tobacco use is the leading preventable cause of cancer in the world. It is linked to a long list of cancers, including cancers of the lung, esophagus, mouth, larynx and pancreas, and many others. There is no safe form of tobacco and no safe level of tobacco use. Even brief exposure can be harmful to health.

The DOG and ASCO strongly support policies aimed at reducing and ultimately eliminating tobacco-related disease through discouraging the use of tobacco products and exposure to secondhand smoke. We support clean indoor air policies and efforts to prohibit the use of tobacco products in public places. Such policies are proven to reduce exposure to secondhand smoke. They also result in increased tobacco cessation by adults and decreased initiation among youth.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue. If you have questions or would like assistance on any issue related to providing care of individuals with cancer, please do not hesitate to contact Latha Subramanian M.D. at the Denali Oncology Group or Jennifer Brunelle at ASCO at jennifer.brunelle@asco.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Latha Subramanian M.D." in a cursive style.

Latha Subramanian
President, DOG

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie Vose" in a cursive style.

Julie M. Vose, MD, MBA, FASCO
President, American Society of Clinical Oncology

-----Original Message-----

From: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network [<mailto:ican@acscan.org>]

Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 8:31 PM

To: Sen. Peter Micciche <Sen.Peter.Micciche@akleg.gov>

Subject: Thank you for sponsoring the smoke-free workplace bill

Feb 23, 2017

State Senator Peter Micciche
State Capitol, Room 508
120 Fourth Street
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear State Senator Micciche,

As your constituent, I wanted to thank you for sponsoring the smoke-free bill (SB63). I urge you to continue to support the passage of this important bill as it progresses through its committees.

Peter,

Thanks for your leadership on this one. There are many healthcare issues I feel strongly about; smoke free environments is one we can definitely agree on.

Kristin

Thanks for your help in protecting everyone's right to breathe smoke-free air by sponsoring SB63. With your help, 2017 will be the year when Alaska becomes a smoke-free state.

Sincerely,

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-----Original Message-----

From: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network [mailto:ican@acscan.org]

Sent: Tuesday, May 24, 2016 9:15 AM

To: Sen. Peter Micciche <Sen.Peter.Micciche@akleg.gov>

Subject: Thank you for being a champion for smoke-free workplaces!

May 24, 2016

State Senator Peter Micciche
State Capitol, Room 514
120 Fourth Street
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear State Senator Micciche,

I was so happy to see that you voted in favor of Senate Bill 1, the Take It Outside Act, to make indoor workplaces across Alaska smoke-free. Thank you for taking a stand for the health of all of the employees, patrons, and business owners across the state.

As someone who cares about promoting and protecting the health of Alaskans, I want to let you know how proud I was to learn that you are keeping the best interests of our citizens at heart. Everyone deserves to breathe clean, smoke-free air.

Please help this bill succeed by encouraging your fellow legislators in the House to support this bill as it moves through that chamber.

Thank you for doing the right thing for Alaska workers and making smoke-free workplaces a priority. Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,

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From: Alaska Tom [mailto:alaskatom66@hotmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 3:26 PM

To: Sen. David Wilson <Sen.David.Wilson@akleg.gov>; Sen. Natasha Von Imhof <Sen.Natasha.VonImhof@akleg.gov>; Sen. Peter Micciche <Sen.Peter.Micciche@akleg.gov>; Sen. Cathy Giessel <Sen.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>; Sen. Tom Begich <Sen.Tom.Begich@akleg.gov>

Subject: Support For Senate Bill 63

I ask for your support Senate Bill 63 guaranteeing everyone's right to breathe smoke-free air inside Alaska's workplaces and public places. This issue has special meaning for me.

My partner and I were in our 21st year of a relationship when small cell lung cancer claimed his life. As you may know, this form of lung cancer is generally associated with tobacco smoke. I do not want more of my Alaskan friends to suffer from the same death.

Please support Senate Bill 63.

Tom Rachal

Anchorage Resident

Rachel Hanke

From: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of John Kasukonis <ican@acscan.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 6:05 PM
To: Sen. Peter Micciche
Subject: Fight cancer: Support the smoke-free workplaces bill
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Feb 21, 2017

State Senator Peter Micciche
State Capitol, Room 508
120 Fourth Street
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear State Senator Micciche,

I'm sure you have seen volunteers from the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network in the Capitol today.

While I can't be in Juneau with them, I want you to know I join them in support of Senate Bill 63. I am an Alaskan who believes everyone has the right to breathe smoke-free air.

Please support the progress of SB 63.

Sincerely,

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February 24, 2017

The Honorable Peter Micciche
State Capitol, Room 121
Juneau, Alaska 99801

RE: Senate Bill 63 (Micciche) – Support

Dear Senator Micciche:

On behalf of the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association (AHA/ASA), we are pleased to support SB 63. This bill would prohibit smoking in workplaces and public spaces.

Cigarette smoking is the leading cause of preventable disease and death in the United States and a major risk factor for heart disease and stroke. Smoking not only claims the lives of those who use tobacco, but also those who are exposed to secondhand smoke. As reported by the United States Surgeon General, “Exposure of adults to secondhand smoke has immediate adverse effects on the cardiovascular system and causes coronary heart disease and lung cancer.”ⁱ

The link between secondhand smoke and disease is well established and the connection to cardiovascular related disability and death is also clear. Short-term exposure to secondhand smoke activates blood platelets, causing them to stick together, increasing the likelihood of a blood clot that can result in a heart attack or stroke.ⁱⁱ In fact, just 30 minutes of exposure to secondhand smoke rapidly impairs vascular endothelial function.^{iii, iv} Long-term exposure to secondhand smoke, such as that occurring in a home or workplace, is associated with a 25%–30% increased risk for coronary heart disease in adult nonsmokers.^v

Because of these effects on blood and blood vessels, the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports “there is no risk-free level of secondhand smoke and even brief exposure can cause immediate harm.”^{vi} Smokefree indoor air laws save lives. Studies of at least 10 communities published in peer-reviewed journals have shown a decrease in heart attack incidence after the implementation of smoke-free laws. For example, in Helena, MT there was a 40% decrease in heart attacks among Helena residents while smoke-free laws were in place. In Pueblo, CO there was a 41% decline in heart attack hospitalization.

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In addition to the health benefit, there is an economic advantage to enacting smoke-free laws. Growing evidence shows no significant impact and, in many instances, an actual increase in business. Additional benefits for businesses include lower cleaning costs, lower worker absenteeism, and increased productivity.

Unfortunately, only half of the Alaskan population is covered by a smoke-free workplace law, many due to jurisdictional issues. SB 63 will better protect the health and safety of all workers, patrons and visitors from the diseases and premature death caused by secondhand smoke. In addition, a statewide law would create a standard with regard to secondhand smoke that puts all businesses and workplaces across Alaska on a level playing field.

The AHA/ASA believes SB 63 will positively impact Alaska residents' health, state healthcare costs, and would benefit businesses which would no longer be impacted by the various costs associated with indoor smoking. We are pleased to support this bill and thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,



Jamie Morgan
Senior Director of Advocacy and Policy Campaigns

ⁱ United States Surgeon General. 2006. *The Health Consequences of Involuntary Smoking*. United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. United States Government Printing Office, Washington D.C. Executive Summary.

ⁱⁱ Secondhand Smoke Causes Cardiovascular Disease. Health Effects of Secondhand Smoke. U.S. Department of Health and Social Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/data_statistics/fact_sheets/secondhand_smoke/health_effects/index.htm#heart

ⁱⁱⁱ Kato, T., et al., Short-term passive smoking causes endothelial dysfunction via oxidative stress in non-smokers, *Canadian Journal of Physiology and Pharmacology*, 2006 May; 84(5):523-9.

^{iv} Heiss, C., et al., Brief Secondhand Smoke Exposure Depresses Endothelial Progenitor Cells Activity and Endothelial Function: Sustained Vascular Injury and Blunted Nitric Oxide Production, *Journal of the American College of Cardiology*, 51:1760-177, May 6, 2008.

^v Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Reduced hospitalizations for acute myocardial infarction after implementation of a smoke-free ordinance – city of Pueblo, Colorado, 2002-2006. *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*. January 2, 2009. 57(51&52).

^{vi} Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Fact Sheet: Smokefree Policies Improve Health. http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/data_statistics/fact_sheets/secondhand_smoke/protection/improve_health/

Carol Crandall
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Forth year and I don't understand why you don't put fellow Alaskans health first! They work hard to make a living in harsh conditions. Second hand smoke kills. Don't fool yourselves the trickle down affect helps MANY. My husband and I cannot be around smoke Think SMOKE FREE not yourselves.

February 24, 2017

RE: American Lung Association support of SB63

Dear Members of the Alaska Legislature,

In a historic 2006 report, the U.S. Surgeon General made it clear that there is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke, it is a known cause of lung cancer, and even short-term exposure potentially can increase the risk of heart attacks. He further concluded that secondhand smoke causes premature death and disease in children and in adults who do not smoke, and that eliminating smoking in indoor spaces fully protects nonsmokers from exposure to secondhand smoke. Separating smokers from nonsmokers, cleaning the air, and ventilating buildings cannot eliminate exposures of nonsmokers to secondhand smoke.

Secondhand smoke is especially dangerous and makes it harder to breathe for people living with chronic lung disease, such as asthma or COPD. There are over 100,000 Alaskans for whom that is true.

Additionally, being employed in a workplace where smoking is prohibited is associated with a reduction in the number of cigarettes smoked per day and an increase in the success rate of smokers who are attempting to quit.

Therefore, American Lung Association promotes the elimination of smoking in workplaces and public places including e-cigarettes and marijuana, and supports SB63 as a comprehensive statewide smokefree indoor workplace law.

Yours in Lung Health,



Marge Stoneking
Executive Director

From: POMS@akleg.gov
To: [Rachel Hanke](#)
Subject: New Pom:SB 63 Regulation Of Smoking
Date: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 4:06:29 PM

Sarah Miles
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Employee discomfort and illness from second hand smoke would decrease. Pass SB 63.

From: POMS@akleg.gov
To: [Rachel Hanke](#)
Subject: New Pom:SB 63 Regulation Of Smoking
Date: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 4:04:31 PM

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Smoke-free workplaces will not allow second hand smoke to be exposed to those who don't want to breathe the toxins of tobacco.

From: POMS@akleg.gov
To: [Rachel Hanke](#)
Subject: New Pom:SB 63 Regulation Of Smoking
Date: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 4:03:21 PM

Joseph Mcfarlin
3240 Sean Circle

Kodiak 99615,

People who go out in public cannot consent to breathing in the air of the second hand smoker. Please pass SB 63.

From: POMS@akleg.gov
To: [Rachel Hanke](#)
Subject: New Pom:SB 63 Regulation Of Smoking
Date: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 4:00:43 PM

Angela Madrid
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I would love to see the day that I can bring my children out in public without exposing them to second and third hand smoke.

From: POMS@akleg.gov
To: [Rachel Hanke](#)
Subject: New Pom:SB 63 Regulation Of Smoking
Date: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 3:56:46 PM

Amanda Miles
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Kodiak 99615-2607,

I support smoke-free work places to encourage healthier lifestyles. Also, smoke free restaurants are more inviting to nonsmokers.

From: POMS@akleg.gov
To: [Rachel Hanke](#)
Subject: New Pom:SB 63 Regulation Of Smoking
Date: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 2:21:55 PM

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Non-smokers needs to be considered!

From: POMS@akleg.gov
To: [Rachel Hanke](#)
Subject: New Pom:SB 63 Regulation Of Smoking
Date: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 1:54:57 PM

Heidi Mintun
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Please consider EVERYONE'S health.

From: POMS@akleg.gov
To: [Rachel Hanke](#)
Subject: New Pom:SB 63 Regulation Of Smoking
Date: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 1:52:52 PM

Wayne Crowson
Po Box 231

Delta Junction 99737-0231,
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One does not need to watch alot of television or read alot of newspapers to know the leading cause of health problems is secondhand smoke. This bill is important to the state of Alaska and should be passed This the 4th year it's been before the Legislature Please pass this bill

From: POMS@akleg.gov
To: [Rachel Hanke](#)
Subject: New Pom:SB 63 Regulation Of Smoking
Date: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 1:36:07 PM

Terri Crowson
Po Box 231

Delta Junction 99737-0231,

Our state and national bill for health care is huge and continues to increase. One thing YOU can do to knock it down is to pass this bill and eliminate a lot of forced exposure to secondhand smoke for many workers. You can save dollars and prevent human suffering. ACT!

From: POMS@akleg.gov
To: [Rachel Hanke](#)
Subject: New Pom:SB 63 Regulation Of Smoking
Date: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 12:58:06 PM

Barbara Mclean
Po Box 329

Delta Junction 99737-0329,

We ALL have rights but isn't it a wonderful thing when friends and family co-workers ect can meet eat drink and celebrate events in a smoke free environment? TOGETHER! As we age smoke only compounds health issues. With all up-to-date knowledge maybe the next generations can be healthier and HAPPY!

From: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
To: [Sen. Peter Micciche](#)
Subject: Please vote YES on SB63 Smoke-Free Workplaces
Date: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 12:06:53 PM

Mar 1, 2017

State Senator Peter Micciche
State Capitol, Room 508
120 Fourth Street
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear State Senator Micciche,

I understand that Senate Bill 63, the smoke-free workplaces bill, will be heard by your committee this afternoon. I urge you to pass this critical piece of legislation quickly to protect the health of Alaska's workers.

Currently, about half of Alaska's residents are protected from the harmful effects of secondhand smoke through local smoke-free laws. Because many boroughs lack the authority necessary to pass a law on their own, the only way to achieve that protection is through a statewide smoke-free law.

Everyone is free to make their own choices. But, when it comes to toxic secondhand smoke in the workplace, whether it's tobacco smoke or e-cigarette aerosol, taking it outside just makes sense. Secondhand smoke exposure is known to cause cancer, heart disease, lung disease and other health issues. No one should have to choose between a paycheck and their health.

Thank you for your time and consideration in moving the bill forward. I hope I can count on you to vote YES on SB63, for the sake of Alaska's workers, residents and visitors.

Sincerely,

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From: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
To: [Sen. Peter Micciche](#)
Subject: Please vote YES on SB63 Smoke-Free Workplaces
Date: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 11:36:29 AM

Mar 1, 2017

State Senator Peter Micciche
State Capitol, Room 508
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Please proceed to pass this legislation and protect the Health of Alaskans.

Thank you for your time and consideration in moving the bill forward. I hope I can count on you to vote YES on SB63, for the sake of Alaska's workers, residents and visitors.

Sincerely,

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From: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
To: [Sen. Peter Micciche](#)
Subject: Please vote YES on SB63 Smoke-Free Workplaces
Date: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 11:36:23 AM

Mar 1, 2017

State Senator Peter Micciche
State Capitol, Room 508
120 Fourth Street
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear State Senator Micciche,

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Thank you for your time and consideration in moving the bill forward. I hope I can count on you to vote YES on SB63, for the sake of Alaska's workers, residents and visitors.

Sincerely,

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From: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
To: [Sen. Peter Micciche](#)
Subject: Please vote YES on SB63 Smoke-Free Workplaces
Date: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 11:06:23 AM

Mar 1, 2017

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Please pass this bill into law. As a non-smoker, I have a right to expect my workplace to be safe and free of cigarette smoke or ecig aerosol. Simply stated, it isn't too much to ask that smoker's and vapers TAKE IT OUTSIDE. Thank you. Jenny Olendorff

Thank you for your time and consideration in moving the bill forward. I hope I can count on you to vote YES on SB63, for the sake of Alaska's workers, residents and visitors.

Sincerely,

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From: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
To: [Sen. Peter Micciche](#)
Subject: Please vote YES on SB63 Smoke-Free Workplaces
Date: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 10:36:55 AM

Mar 1, 2017

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State Capitol, Room 508
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Sincerely,

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From: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
To: [Sen. Peter Micciche](#)
Subject: Please vote YES on SB63 Smoke-Free Workplaces
Date: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 10:36:21 AM

Mar 1, 2017

State Senator Peter Micciche
State Capitol, Room 508
120 Fourth Street
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

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Sincerely,

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From: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
To: [Sen. Peter Micciche](#)
Subject: Please vote YES on SB63 Smoke-Free Workplaces
Date: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 10:06:41 AM

Mar 1, 2017

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State Capitol, Room 508
120 Fourth Street
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

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Everyone is free to make their own choices when it does not infringe on the health and well being of others and society as a whole. When it comes to toxic secondhand smoke in the workplace, whether it's tobacco smoke or e-cigarette aerosol, taking it outside just makes sense. Secondhand smoke exposure is known to cause cancer, heart disease, lung disease and other health issues. No one should have to choose between a paycheck and their health.

Thank you for your time and consideration in moving the bill forward. I hope I can count on you to vote YES on SB63, for the sake of Alaska's workers, residents and visitors.

Sincerely,

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From: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
To: [Sen. Peter Micciche](#)
Subject: Please vote YES on SB63 Smoke-Free Workplaces
Date: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 10:06:13 AM

Mar 1, 2017

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State Capitol, Room 508
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Juneau, AK 99801-1182

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Thank you for your time and consideration in moving the bill forward. I hope I can count on you to vote YES on SB63, for the sake of Alaska's workers, residents and visitors.

Sincerely,

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From: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
To: [Sen. Peter Micciche](#)
Subject: Please vote YES on SB63 Smoke-Free Workplaces
Date: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 9:37:42 AM

Mar 1, 2017

State Senator Peter Micciche
State Capitol, Room 508
120 Fourth Street
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

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Thank you for your time and consideration in moving the bill forward. I hope I can count on you to vote YES on SB63, for the sake of Alaska's workers, residents and visitors.

Sincerely,

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From: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
To: [Sen. Peter Micciche](#)
Subject: Please vote YES on SB63 Smoke-Free Workplaces
Date: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 9:37:02 AM

Mar 1, 2017

State Senator Peter Micciche
State Capitol, Room 508
120 Fourth Street
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

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The benefits of a smoke-free workplace are proven. Listen to the representatives from AARP who will be in Juneau today supporting this piece of legislation,

Thank you for your time and consideration in moving the bill forward. I hope I can count on you to vote YES on SB63, for the sake of Alaska's workers, residents and visitors.

Sincerely,

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From: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
To: [Sen. Peter Micciche](#)
Subject: Please vote YES on SB63 Smoke-Free Workplaces
Date: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 9:36:57 AM

Mar 1, 2017

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State Capitol, Room 508
120 Fourth Street
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

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Thank you for your dedication and passion to serve.

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Thank you for your time and consideration in moving the bill forward. I hope I can count on you to vote YES on SB63, for the sake of Alaska's workers, residents and visitors.

Sincerely,

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From: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
To: [Sen. Peter Micciche](#)
Subject: Please vote YES on SB63 Smoke-Free Workplaces
Date: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 9:36:18 AM

Mar 1, 2017

State Senator Peter Micciche
State Capitol, Room 508
120 Fourth Street
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

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As a cancer survivor, and someone with Asthma caused from second hand smoke, i feel it is vital for all Alaskans to have protections in place to low them the right to breathe clean air.

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Thank you for your time and consideration in moving the bill forward. I hope I can count on you to vote YES on SB63, for the sake of Alaska's workers, residents and visitors.

Sincerely,

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From: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
To: [Sen. Peter Micciche](#)
Subject: Please vote YES on SB63 Smoke-Free Workplaces
Date: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 9:36:10 AM

Mar 1, 2017

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State Capitol, Room 508
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PLEASE support SB 63 and make it so that kids, especially in our bush communities, don't have to be in their (extremely coveted and hard-to-come-by) jobs while the people around them smoke. These kids are too young to be ruining their health with something about which they have no choice. Please make it a law to "take it outside"!

Thank you!

Thank you for your time and consideration in moving the bill forward. I hope I can count on you to vote YES on SB63, for the sake of Alaska's workers, residents and visitors.

Sincerely,

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February 28, 2017

Senator Peter Micciche
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Senator Micciche:

On behalf of the Mat-Su Health Foundation and its Board of Directors, I am writing to express support for SB63, which will provide comprehensive protection from secondhand smoke and e-cigarette aerosol for employees and customers in all workplaces and public places statewide. As a second class borough, Mat-Su doesn't have health powers to enact a borough-wide smoke free workplace law. Many other communities in Alaska are in the same situation; only about half of Alaskans are currently protected by smoke-free workplace laws. That is why statewide regulation as provided by SB63 is so important.

Despite progress in the last several years, Alaska still has some of the highest tobacco use rates in the nation, and this costs Alaska \$579 million annually in direct medical costs and lost productivity due to tobacco-related death. Passage of SB63 will help reduce these costs and will also reduce Medicaid costs, an objective that many Alaskans share. Most importantly, it will add years of precious life for many Alaskans.

An analysis that looked at the results of 11 studies encompassing more than 2.5 million births and nearly 250,000 asthma attacks found that the number of premature births and children's hospital visits for asthma dropped 10% in parts of the United States, Canada and Europe barely a year after they enacted smoking bans. Why? Because strong smoke free laws change social norms about smoking and actually lead people to implement smoke free policies in their own homes, which has a direct impact on children's health. An analysis of the impact of smoke free workplace laws on adult health demonstrated a 15% reduction in cardiovascular events presenting to local hospitals. Every community that has instituted similar laws has seen a decrease in heart attacks across the entire population.

Alaska needs a robust clean indoor air statute, and one that includes e-cigarettes, as SB63 does. Adolescents perceive e-cigarettes as safer than traditional cigarettes, but let's address the myth that these products are safer or that they are a cessation tool. They are the opposite—they are a grooming tool, grooming kids to accept, like, and become dependent on smoking and nicotine. Recent research indicates that youth who try e-cigs are much more likely than other youth to progress to traditional cigarettes. In fact, a 2015 National Institutes of Health report showed that 9th graders who used e-cigs were over three times more likely to start using combustible tobacco products than those who didn't use e-cigs. Keep in mind, too, that e-cigarettes have not been approved by the FDA as a smoking cessation aide.

SB63 is the next step in further reducing smoking rates and secondhand smoke and e-cigarette aerosol exposure in Alaska. It's the next step in reducing hospital admissions for pre-mature births and asthma in children as well as cardiovascular events in adults. It's the next step in raising the health status of all Alaskans, and we thank you for introducing this bill.

Sincerely,

Chief Executive Officer

From: POMS@akleg.gov
To: [Rachel Hanke](#)
Subject: New Pom:SB 63 Regulation Of Smoking
Date: Monday, March 13, 2017 2:57:44 PM

Patricia Anderson
Po Box 453

Delta Junction 99737-0453,

People's health

From: POMS@akleg.gov
To: [Rachel Hanke](#)
Subject: New Pom:SB 63 Regulation Of Smoking
Date: Monday, March 13, 2017 1:35:48 PM

John Sloan
Po Box 1042

Delta Junction 99737-1042,

Please pass this bill on for the Governor's signature. Four years of this is enough. Let's make our work environments as healthy and safe as possible.

From: Wayne Pichon
To: [Sen. Peter Micciche](#)
Subject: Please Vote AYE on SB 63
Date: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 6:29:43 PM

Dear Senator Peter Micciche,

As a concerned Alaskan, I respectfully urge you to vote Senate Bill 63 out of the Senate Finance Committee. This bill will protect Alaskans from unwanted exposure to secondhand smoke and e-cigarette aerosol in the workplace.

Exposure to secondhand smoke can increase a person's risk of heart disease and lung cancer by up to 30%. It's time for us to extend protection from secondhand smoke and e-cigarette aerosol in the workplace to employees and customers across the state.

A comprehensive smoke-free law covering all Alaska workplaces, restaurants, and bars is expected to save Alaska \$3.69 million in heart attack and stroke treatment and save Alaska's Medicaid program \$520,000.

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Please vote Aye on SB 63!

Regards,
Wayne Pichon
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From: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
To: [Sen. Peter Micciche](#)
Subject: Please vote YES on SB63 Smoke-Free Workplaces
Date: Thursday, March 02, 2017 12:25:25 PM

Mar 2, 2017

State Senator Peter Micciche
State Capitol, Room 508
120 Fourth Street
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

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Sincerely,

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From: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
To: [Sen. Peter Micciche](#)
Subject: Please vote YES on SB63 Smoke-Free Workplaces
Date: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 8:23:12 PM

Mar 1, 2017

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Juneau, AK 99801-1182

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Sincerely,

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From: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
To: [Sen. Peter Micciche](#)
Subject: Please vote YES on SB63 Smoke-Free Workplaces
Date: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 8:23:25 PM

Mar 1, 2017

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State Capitol, Room 508
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Juneau, AK 99801-1182

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As someone with sensitivity to tobacco, I experience health problems when exposed for even short periods of time. So I have to avoid not only places where smoking is allowed, but even places that share walls or ventilation with smoky establishments. Such places have chosen to be smoke-free, and yet are still infiltrated with smoke from the bars next door, despite steps to try to mitigate the problem. So they don't currently get to make a choice as to whether to be truly smoke-free. This law would result in clean air in such places as well, protecting the health of customers and workers and the vitality of their business.

I also appreciate that this bill includes a regulation on not smoking near doorways. It's a struggle for me to get in and out of places, like the grocery store or large public events, when people are smoking at the door.

Although I personally struggle with the health effects of exposure to smoke in my life, I believe the most compelling reason for a smoke-free workplace law is for people exposed in their jobs, day in and day out. They're exposed to levels I can't even imagine being able to tolerate, levels which needlessly endanger their life and long-term health. I am grateful to breathe smoke-free air at my work (at UAF), and feel all workers, including restaurant and bar staff, should experience these benefits, regardless of where they work. I support smoke-free workplaces, as do a majority of Alaskans. It is heartening to see this increase in public awareness. Please support this critical bill: it's time has come.

Thank you for your time and consideration in moving the bill forward. I hope I can count on you to vote YES on SB63, for the sake of Alaska's

workers, residents and visitors.

Sincerely,

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From: Bob MD
To: [Sen. Peter Micciche](#)
Subject: Please Vote AYE on SB 63
Date: Saturday, March 18, 2017 11:43:10 PM

Dear Senator Peter Micciche,

As a concerned Alaskan, I respectfully urge you to vote Senate Bill 63 out of the Senate Finance Committee. This bill will protect Alaskans from unwanted exposure to secondhand smoke and e-cigarette aerosol in the workplace.

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Please vote Aye on SB 63!

Regards,
Bob MD
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Juneau, AK 99801

Rachel Hanke

From: Jennifer Armstrong <aerinndis7@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 2:17 AM
To: Sen. Peter Micciche
Subject: Please Vote AYE on SB 63

Dear Senator Peter Micciche,

As a concerned Alaskan, I respectfully urge you to vote Senate Bill 63 out of the Senate Finance Committee. This bill will protect Alaskans from unwanted exposure to secondhand smoke and e-cigarette aerosol in the workplace.

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Please vote Aye on SB 63!

Regards,
Jennifer Armstrong
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