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To: Julie Morris
Subject: RE: Public Testimony on HB360

Good morning, Representative Lindsey Holmes.

My name is Melany Derit and I live in Sterling, AK.

I just wanted to let you know that I was very happy to find out that a statewide smoke-free workplace bill has finally been introduced this session. I support this bill because it will protect all Alaskan workers from the dangers of secondhand smoke while indoors. I hope you will support it.

I also wanted to emphasize my support for the inclusion of e-cigarettes in the law. We can all agree that little is known about these new products. I do not want to risk exposing myself or my family and friends to the unknown dangers of these devices. E-cigarettes are very inconsistently regulated and we need to make sure we are not setting another generation up for cancer and other health problems because the tobacco lobby spreads doubt.

This, I believe, is the right thing for Alaska and I hope you will support it.

Thank you,

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