

Dear members of the Senate State Affairs Committee,

My name is Carmen J. Lunde and I am the director of Kodiak CHARR. I'd like to express my opinion on SB209, the proposed statewide smoking ban.

It is very clear to me this bill, SB209 is targeted towards bars because people have not smoked in all the other places mentioned in SB209 for many, many years.

I've always been proud of the way Kodiak has handled the smoking issue. We use common sense here. There are fourteen non-smoking establishments and eight smoking establishments in Kodiak, giving everyone free choice.

I don't feel any government on the local, state or federal level should have the right to dictate how a business owner chooses to run his or her business, nor should they have the right to make choices for the citizens. CITIZEN'S HAVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE THEIR OWN CHOICES.

I am especially disturbed about telling a veteran he or she cannot enjoy a cigarette with their cigarette.

Regards,

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