



April 6, 2015

The Honorable Senator Stoltze  
Alaska State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

RE: Support for the SB1

Dear Senator Stoltze and Members of Senate State Affairs:

While we are making great headway, AK still has some of the highest tobacco use rates in the nation—which costs Alaska \$579 million annually in direct medical costs and lost productivity due to tobacco-related death. Strengthening Alaska's Smokefree public and workspace statutes will help reduce these costs ***and will also reduce Medicaid costs***, an objective that many Alaskans share.

A recent analysis looked at the results of 11 studies encompassing more than 2.5 million births and nearly 250,000 asthma attacks and 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 to more people implementing smoke-free policies in their own homes—and that's one of the reasons why smoke free policies have such a direct impact on children's health. Medicaid is the payor source for the majority of babies born in Mat-Su at Mat-Su Regional and across much of AK. You can look at the cost of Medicaid asthma admissions and premature births see what a 10% drop in these admissions would save AK ***the very next year after the ban***.

An earlier analysis of the impact of smoking bans on adult health demonstrated a 15% reduction in cardiovascular events presenting to local hospitals. Every community that has instituted these smoking bans has seen this decrease in heart attacks across the entire population. On behalf of the health of all of our citizens, Alaska needs a more robust clean indoor air statute, and one that includes e-cigarettes (documented by both AK DHSS and the CDC for their harmful emissions). It's the number one strategy of the Alaska Tobacco Prevention & Control Program.

Because the Mat-Su Borough is a second class borough and doesn't have health powers to enact such legislation, employees, clientele and the public have much more limited protection from secondhand smoke in workplaces (outside the city limits of Palmer, which has instituted such an ordinance). Only about half of Alaskans are currently protected by smoke-free workplace laws. SB1 is the next step in further reducing smoking rates and secondhand smoke exposure in Alaska. It's the next step in reducing hospital admissions for pre-mature births and asthma in children and cardiovascular events in adults. It's the next step in raising the health status of all Alaskans. The Mat-Su Health Foundation Board unanimously supports this bill and respectfully asks you to expedite its passage.

Sincerely,

Executive Director  
Mat-Su Health Foundation



THE STATE  
of **ALASKA**  
GOVERNOR SEAN PARNELL

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## Electronic Cigarette and Aerosol Emissions Product Update and Position

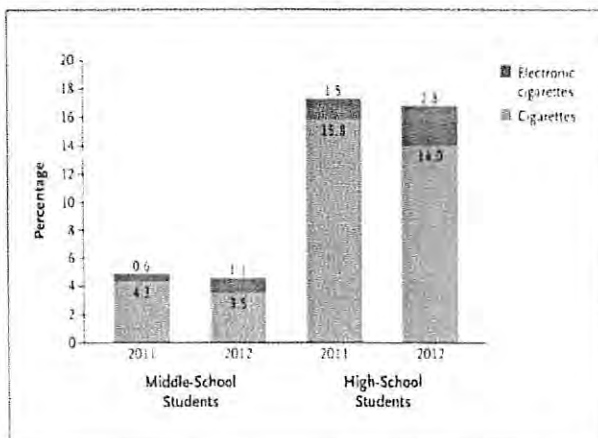
Electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes, e-cigs, e-hookah or vape pens) are marketed by the Tobacco Industry and other manufacturers as a new nicotine delivery system. These battery-powered devices heat nicotine, flavor additives and other chemicals, to produce an aerosol inhaled by the user. Their production is unregulated and varies widely - recent research and consumer experience reflect questionable product quality, content and safety.<sup>1</sup> With only limited research to date, the presence of toxins and cancer-causing agents as well as the health effects of their use are not yet fully known.

### Chemical and Toxin Emissions in E-Cigarette Aerosol

- E-cigarettes do not just emit "harmless water vapor." Secondhand e-cigarette aerosol (incorrectly called vapor by the industry) contains nicotine, ultrafine particles and low levels of toxins that are known to cause cancer.<sup>2</sup> The FDA's initial investigation into the content of e-cigarettes found the aerosol potentially hazardous to the public's health due to tobacco-specific nitrosamines and other volatile organic compounds.<sup>3</sup>
- Studies have shown the presence of heavy metals and carcinogens in e-cigarette aerosol.<sup>4,5,6</sup>
- Propylene glycol, a chemical that is used as a base in e-cigarette solution, is one of the primary components in the aerosol emitted by e-cigarettes.
  - Short term exposure causes eye, throat and airway irritation.<sup>7</sup>
  - Long term inhalation exposure can result in children developing asthma.<sup>8</sup>
- Because they look like traditional cigarettes and emit the aerosol, e-cigarettes have the potential to negatively impact social norms and make smokefree workplace policies harder to enforce. In some states and communities, the public is being protected from potential health harms through local ordinances and regulations prohibiting e-cigarette use in indoor environments.

### Industry Marketing and the Rise in Youth E-Cigarette Use

- The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) does not currently regulate these products.
- Marketers use child-friendly flavors such as "Gumi Bearz" or "Mount N' Do"<sup>9</sup>, themes of rebellion, and celebrity endorsements - strategies long used to market traditional cigarettes to children.
- Sales of e-cigarettes in the U.S. have doubled since 2011 to \$1.7 billion in 2013.<sup>3</sup>
- Although youth smoking rates have decreased, e-cigarette use has risen across the U.S. and, alarmingly, doubled among middle and high school students between 2011 and 2012.<sup>10</sup>



Use of Cigarettes and Electronic Cigarettes by U.S. Students in 2011 and 2012. Data are from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention<sup>7</sup>

### Lack of Reliability, Safety Require Regulation and Extensive Research

E-cigarettes contain varying levels of nicotine - a tobacco-derived product - which can initiate and/or prolong nicotine addiction.<sup>1</sup>

- These unregulated products may provide uncontrolled doses of nicotine and other harmful chemicals - users have no way of being certain how much is being inhaled or exhaled.<sup>11</sup>
- Ingestion or skin contact with nicotine solution from a cartridge can lead to nicotine poisoning and can be deadly, especially to children and animals. Accidental nicotine poisonings and lethal doses are a serious concern because the refill "juice" is not sold in child-resistant containers.
- Dozens of Alaskan youth are treated for nicotine poisoning every year.<sup>12</sup>
- Nicotine affects the nervous system and heart, and can negatively affect the developing brain. It should not be made available to minors.

### E-Cigarettes are Not an FDA-approved Cessation Device

- The FDA has not approved e-cigarettes as an effective method to help smokers quit.
- FDA-approved tobacco cessation products provide controlled doses of nicotine and have been tested and regulated as cessation products.
- Alaska's Tobacco Quit Line is a free service for all Alaskans ready to quit tobacco. Counseling and FDA-approved Nicotine Replacement Therapies, when used in combination, have been shown to be a safe and effective way to quit. Call 1-800 QUIT NOW or visit [www.alaskaquitline.com](http://www.alaskaquitline.com) to enroll today.

Alaska has seen tremendous progress in reducing smoking but we must remain ever vigilant to protect our young people. Because they are unregulated, the e-cigarette industry has grown markedly over the last few years using old tactics like celebrities to promote and glamorize their use, addicting those most impressionable. More research is needed on the long-term health effects, but we can take steps today to protect our young people.



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May 21, 2014

<sup>1</sup>US Food and Drug Administration Evaluation of e-cigarettes. 2009. Available at: <http://www.fda.gov/downloads/Drugs/ScienceResearch/UCM173250.pdf>. Accessed March 4, 2014

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<sup>5</sup> Goniewicz, ML, Knysak, J, Gawron, M, et al. Levels of selected carcinogens and toxicants in vapour from electronic cigarettes. *Tobacco Control*. 2013.

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<sup>12</sup> Nicotine Exposures, Alaska Poison Control System, State of Alaska DHSS



## **Resolution in Support of Eliminating Secondhand Smoke in Workplaces and Public Places**

**Whereas**, the 2006 Surgeon General’s Report Found overwhelming evidence that secondhand smoke exposure is a risk to anyone<sup>i</sup> and that the Surgeon General of the United States stated that “The scientific evidence is now indisputable: secondhand smoke is not a mere annoyance. It is a serious health hazard”<sup>ii</sup>; and

**Whereas**, secondhand smoke is a leading cause of preventable death in the United States, causing deaths of more than 50,000 Americans per year<sup>iii</sup> and an estimated 120 Alaska adults<sup>iv</sup>; and

**Whereas**, the Environmental Protection Agency classified secondhand tobacco smoke as a known human lung carcinogen, and therefore concludes that secondhand smoke is a health risk to nonsmokers<sup>v</sup>; and

**Whereas**, the World Health Organization states that secondhand smoke is a human carcinogen for which there is no “safe” level of exposure<sup>vi</sup>; and

**Whereas**, secondhand smoke has been proven to cause cancer, heart disease, and asthma in both smokers and non-smokers<sup>vii</sup>; and

**Whereas**, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) warn that all patients with or at increased risk of coronary heart disease should avoid all indoor environments that permit smoking<sup>viii</sup>; and

**Whereas**, studies show that infants and children are especially vulnerable to secondhand smoke, suffering more respiratory problems, ear infections, asthma, and sudden infant death syndrome, as a result of exposure <sup>6</sup>, and pregnant women exposed to secondhand smoke are at increased risk to have low birth-weight babies<sup>ix</sup>; and

**Whereas**, no ventilation system can remove all the harmful elements in secondhand smoke from the air, according to the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Condition Engineers (ASHRAE)<sup>x</sup>; and

**Whereas**, electronic cigarettes do not just emit “harmless water vapor;” secondhand e-cigarette aerosol (incorrectly called vapor by the industry) contains nicotine, ultrafine particles and low levels of toxins that are known to cause cancer;<sup>xi</sup> the FDS’s investigation into the content of e-cigarettes found the aerosol potentially hazardous to the public’s health due to tobacco-specific nitrosamines and other volatile organic compounds;<sup>xii</sup> studies have shown the presence of heavy metals and carcinogens in e-cigarette aerosol;<sup>xiii</sup><sup>xiv</sup><sup>xv</sup>





**Whereas**, because they look like traditional cigarettes and emit the aerosol, e-cigarettes have the potential to negatively impact social norms and make smokefree workplace policies harder to enforce. In some states and communities, the public is being protected from potential health harms through ordinances and regulations prohibiting e-cigarette use in indoor environments;

**Whereas**, numerous studies have shown that smoke-free policies have either a neutral or positive impact on businesses<sup>xvi</sup>; and

**Whereas**, the majority of Alaskans and other Americans do not smoke<sup>xvii</sup>; and

**Whereas**, worksites and public places are locations where children, members of the community and employees are exposed to secondhand smoke; and

**Whereas**, smoke-free air policies have been shown to protect the public from exposure to secondhand smoke, and help smokers reduce the number of cigarettes consumed or quit entirely<sup>xviii</sup>; and

**Whereas**, one of the goals of Healthy Alaskans 2020 is to “increase the proportion of Alaskans who are tobacco-free”<sup>xix</sup>; and all Alaskans have the right to breathe smokefree air;

**Therefore Be It Resolved** that Mat-Su Health Foundation supports state and local legislation in Alaska prohibiting smoking in certain locations, and providing for an effective date;

ATTEST:

Approved by the Mat-Su Health Foundations Board of Directors March 17, 2014

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Linda Conover, Chair

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April 7, 2015

Senate Affairs Committee  
Alaska State Legislature  
Juneau, Alaska

Via email [chuck.kopp@akleg.gov](mailto:chuck.kopp@akleg.gov)

TESTIMONY OF Beverly K Wooley

IN SUPPORT OF SB1, "An Act prohibiting smoking in certain places; relating to education on the smoking prohibition; and providing for an effective date."

BEFORE THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, THURSDAY, APRIL 9

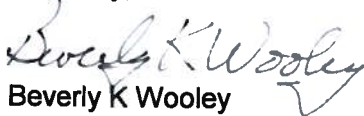
My name is Beverly Wooley. I am a registered voter in Anchorage and have worked in public health in Alaska for over 30 years. I served as the State of Alaska Director of Public Health from 2007 – 2009 and as the Municipality of Anchorage Director of the Department of Health and Human Services from 2003 – 2007. I am writing to ask for your support of SB1 to provide a statewide smoke-free workplace law for businesses and public places. This law is needed to protect employees, patrons and visitors from the well-documented diseases and premature death caused by secondhand smoke from tobacco.

As a public health professional, I have seen firsthand the health damage and costs (personal and financial) of second hand smoke. I also have a personal story. As a young person living in Anchorage, I worked in a variety of restaurants and bars where I was constantly subjected to second hand smoke. Recent research have led some scientists to believe that exposure to second hand smoke in work situations similar to those I experienced can indeed raise a woman's risk of developing breast cancer before the age of 50. In 2014, *A Report of the Surgeon General, The Health Consequences of Smoking—50 Years of Progress*, stated "There is emerging evidence to suggest that the risk of breast cancer from passive smoke exposure may be greater in premenopausal than postmenopausal women". As a healthy, premenopausal woman in my late 40's I was devastated when I was diagnosed with breast cancer. The exact demographic the research suggest is most likely to be at increased risk of breast cancer due to second hand smoke. A law banning smoking in workplaces might have lowered my risk of cancer. It's time to protect other workers. No one should have to choose between their health and a good job.

This statewide law is needed to ensure health equity for approximately half of Alaska's population not currently protected from the known dangers of second hand smoke. Due to limitations in local authority, many Alaskans live in areas that are not able to enact local laws prohibiting smoking in certain places. A statewide law is required to protect these Alaskans and visitors to these areas.

I urge the committee to support SB1 to ensure Alaskans in all area of our state are protected from second hand smoke in businesses and public places. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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## Daniel George

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**From:** Alessandra Jenkins <ale.jenkins@alaskaaces.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 08, 2015 1:10 PM  
**To:** Chuck Kopp; Sen. Bill Stoltze; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Charlie Huggins; Sen. Lesil McGuire; Sen. Bill Wielechowski  
**Subject:** Senate Bill 1- Support Letter

My name is Alessandra Jenkins and I am asking for your support on Senate Bill 1. Every Alaskan has the right to breathe smoke free air when they are in a public restaurant, bar or at work.

Why I advocate for the American Cancer Society. 13 years ago my mother was diagnosed with a blood cancer. At the time of diagnoses she was given 10 years to live, because no cure had been found. 8 years after she was diagnosed with her first cancer we found out she had developed Non-Hodgkins lymphoma. When someone has one type of cancer they can easily develop another cancer. 13 years later my mother has gone into remission due to a cancer trial. You ask why this relates to Senate Bill 1?

If I can stop my mother or anyone else from developing cancer due to second hand smoke then I will.

Senate Bill 1 is not about the smoker it's about the smoke. All I am asking is the smoker to take it outside and allow the public to breathe smoke free air. I ask you to support and pass Senate Bill 1 for the good of Alaska.

Alessandra Jenkins

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Eagle River, AK 99577



## Daniel George

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**From:** Amy Gorn <amygorn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 07, 2015 9:24 PM  
**To:** Chuck Kopp  
**Cc:** Sen. Bill Stoltze; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Charlie Huggins; Sen. Lesil McGuire; Sen. Bill Wielechowski  
**Subject:** Support for Senate Bill 1

Dear Members of the Senate State Affairs Committee,

My name is Amy Gorn and I am a Wasilla resident, where there is no comprehensive protection of indoor workplaces from smoke. I grew up as a secondhand smoker, meaning in a home with parents who smoked. As a result, my brother and myself had, and continue to have, respiratory impacts from that longtime exposure. I support Senate Bill 1 for users to simply take their smoke outside.

Protecting all Alaskans for the harmful effects of secondhand smoke, especially workers who shouldn't have to choose between work and their health, just makes sense this day in age with what we know about the 7,000 chemicals documented in secondhand smoke. It's about time for our state and it can be cost-savings too in terms of medical needs.

I am also a supporter of requiring e-cigarette users to take their aerosol outside. Over the last couple of years I have seen the rise in use of electronic cigarettes or "vape pens" and like products, and I have been exposed to the aerosol ("vapor") emitted from these devices. I can say without exaggeration or doubt that what I breathed in from e-cigarettes affected my health in a disturbing way I had never experienced in 18+ years of living around traditional cigarette smoke. This "vapor" disturbed me greatly and I would feel better as soon as I cleared or move away from it.

I vowed to never be around secondhand aerosol from e-cigarettes again, nor have my 3-year daughter exposed. I can't conceive of watching a movie at the theater or attending a hockey game and being around someone smoking these "vapor" products. The FDA has not included e-cigarettes as an approved cessation device like it has for nicotine inhalers; I don't feel the cessation position or argument holds water until the FDA gives final word.

Overall, I am in full support of SB1 to take the smoke out of indoor workplaces, and I urge you to pass along SB1 to protect mine and my family's health.

Thank you and sincerely,

Amy J Gorn  
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## Daniel George

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**From:** Ashley Peltier <apeltier09@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 07, 2015 8:53 AM  
**To:** Chuck Kopp  
**Subject:** In Support of SB1

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

**Categories:** Bill in Committee

Hello,

I am writing to ask the Senate State Affairs committee to support SB1. This bill would protect all workers across Alaska from the harmful effects of secondhand smoke. I am fortunate to work in a smoke-free environment and would never want to have to choose between my health and a paycheck, as many people are forced to do. Please also include e-cigarettes in this bill. Business owners should not be forced to explain to a smoker why they can't smoke but someone else can use an electronic cigarette. These devices can also be used to inhale THC and hash-oil, so business owners have to investigate to find out what is actually being smoked. By including e-cigarettes in this bill we level the playing field for businesses that already have a smoke-free policy. I support SB1 and ask that you do too. Everyone deserves the right to breath clean air.

Thank you,

Ashley Peltier  
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## Daniel George

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**From:** American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of Brian Guvenir <ican@acscan.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 03, 2015 1:59 PM  
**To:** Sen. Bill Stoltze  
**Subject:** Please support Senate Bill 1

Apr 3, 2015

Senator Bill Stoltze  
State Capitol, Room 125  
120 Fourth Street  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Stoltze,

I'm writing to urge you to support Senate Bill 1 to prohibit smoking in workplaces and public places.

Everyone has the right to breathe smoke-free air. Unfortunately nearly half of Alaskans are in danger of being denied this basic right.

Smoke-free workplaces are not only a whole lot better for the health of workers and Alaskans like me, but they improve productivity and set a healthy example for our children.

I have been working as an acute care RN at Providence Hospital in Anchorage Alaska for almost 17 years and I have provided care for more than 16,000 patients during that time. Most of my patients are severe heart, lung, stroke, and cancer patients. At least 2/3 of my patients have smoked and/or have been exposed to smoking for many years, many since their early childhood. Many die and/or become incapacitated as a consequence of these mortal illnesses. This is also what the evidence based studies show. Therefore, one of the first questions asked during the admission process of a patient is: 1. "Are you a smoker or have you smoked"? and 2. "Have yo been exposed to smoking"? Exposure to active and passive smoking have been very strongly correlated with many deadly illnesses which affect the entire body. The purpose of these questions is to assess their risk for these illnesses. Active smokers are strongly encouraged to quit smoking. Those who have quit in the past are encouraged to avoid re-starting smoking. Those who had open heart surgeries, lung surgeries, cancer surgeries, stroke, asthma, COPD, are told to avoid any exposure to any smoking under all circumstances.

For comparison purposes, let's look at another dangerous substance that was once used widely all around us. Prior to early 1970s, asbestos was used as insulation material in most houses and buildings. When it was discovered how dangerous it was to human health, use of asbestos was no longer legally allowed and buildings with asbestos were declared uninhabitable until all asbestos was removed. Exposure to smoking is as dangerous as exposure to asbestos. if not more. Unfortunately presently, for those who are being exposed to smoking by those around them in their workplaces and public places, avoiding exposure to this dangerous risk is not an available choice.

That is why it is so important that I am asking you to support Senate Bill 1 to prohibit smoking in workplaces and public places. Let's do the right thing and provide all Alaskans with the right to breath smoke-free air at least in their workplaces and all public places.

Thank You,

Brian Guvenir RN BSN  
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That's why I support Senate Bill 1, the Take it Outside Act, to get the smoke out of all Alaska workplaces. I hope I can count on you to protect the right of all Alaskans to breathe smoke-free air.

Sincerely,

Mr. Brian Guvenir  
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## Daniel George

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**From:** Cassidy Seamount <cs22201@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 07, 2015 8:03 PM  
**To:** Sen. Bill Stoltze; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Charlie Huggins; Sen. Lesil McGuire; Sen. Bill Wielechowski; Chuck Kopp  
**Subject:** Secondhand Smoke Kills

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Dear Senators,

My name is Cassidy Seamount and I am 14 years old. As an Alaskan, I believe I have the right to breathe clean air. I do not choose to smoke and therefore should not have to be exposed to smoke when I am in public. Secondhand smoke is a health hazard to everyone who breathes. There are more than 4000 chemicals that lead to many health problems, including bronchitis, stroke, heart disease, COPD and cancer.

Cassidy Seamount  
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## Daniel George

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**From:** American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of Charles Newberg Jr. <ican@acscan.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 02, 2015 12:37 AM  
**To:** Sen. Bill Stoltze  
**Subject:** Please support Senate Bill 1

Apr 2, 2015

Senator Bill Stoltze  
State Capitol, Room 125  
120 Fourth Street  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Stoltze,

I'm writing to urge you to support Senate Bill 1 to prohibit smoking in workplaces and public places.

Everyone has the right to breathe smoke-free air. Unfortunately nearly half of Alaskans are in danger of being denied this basic right.

I really believe that protecting our workforce from both secondhand smoke as well as second hand vapor is very important to the health of all Alaskans and hope you will support SB1.  
Thank you.

That's why I support Senate Bill 1, the Take it Outside Act, to get the smoke out of all Alaska workplaces. I hope I can count on you to protect the right of all Alaskans to breathe smoke-free air.

Sincerely,

Mr. Charles Newberg Jr.  
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**From:** American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of Erin Shefflette <ican@acscan.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 02, 2015 12:07 AM  
**To:** Sen. Bill Stoltze  
**Subject:** Please support Senate Bill 1

Apr 2, 2015

Senator Bill Stoltze  
State Capitol, Room 125  
120 Fourth Street  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Stoltze,

I'm writing to urge you to support Senate Bill 1 to prohibit smoking in workplaces and public places.

Everyone has the right to breathe smoke-free air. Unfortunately nearly half of Alaskans are in danger of being denied this basic right.

Smoke-free workplaces are not only a whole lot better for the health of workers and Alaskans like me, but they improve productivity and set a healthy example for our children. I personally have had the inopportunity to be in a smoking workplace breakroom as a nonsmoker and know how it can affect a person in their daily work even if they do not smoke themselves.

That's why I support Senate Bill 1, the Take it Outside Act, to get the smoke out of all Alaska workplaces. I hope I can count on you to protect the right of all Alaskans to breathe smoke-free air.

Sincerely,

Ms. Erin Shefflette  
1371 Woll Rd  
North Pole, AK 99705-5523

## Daniel George

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**From:** JJ Lussow <jblussow@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 07, 2015 4:50 PM  
**To:** Chuck Kopp  
**Cc:** Sen. Bill Stoltze; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Charlie Huggins; Sen. Lesil McGuire; Sen. Bill Wielechowski  
**Subject:** Take It Outside

Dear Senators,

My name is Jaidra Lussow and I'm 14 years old. I'm writing to ask you to vote for smokefree indoor workplaces. My first job will probably be in food service and I want to be sure that I don't have to breathe smoky air just to have a job.

Thank you,

Jaidra Lussow

2115 Belmont Ave

Palmer, Ak 99645

907-746-7268



## Daniel George

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**From:** Jill Valerius <dr.valerius@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 07, 2015 9:01 PM  
**To:** Sen. Bill Stoltze; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Charlie Huggins; Sen. Lesil McGuire; Sen. Bill Wielechowski  
**Cc:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Senate Bill 1

I am writing in support of SB 1. My understanding is that it will be heard in committee on Thursday.

I feel that this is an important piece of legislation for our state. The purpose is to ensure that we all have smoke-free workplaces. As a business owner and a physician I am sensitive to oversight and regulation. I feel that this is one area that the government is obligated to protect it's citizen's.

This particular bill and issue has the ability to really impact healthcare costs in our state. We are at a point that healthcare costs are impacting each and every one of us. I think that anything that we can do on a state level to reduce those costs is best for us all.

Smoke-free Palmer has been good for our community all around. I really think it will be good for our state. I appreciate your support and if anything your ability to move it through committee.

I will try to call in for testimony on Thursday if my schedule permits.

Thank you,

Jill K Valerius, MD, ABIHM, IFMCP, ATC  
Now Health  
Palmer, AK

## Daniel George

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**From:** American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of Johna Beech <ican@acscan.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 01, 2015 11:04 AM  
**To:** Sen. Bill Stoltze  
**Subject:** Please support Senate Bill 1

Apr 1, 2015

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Juneau, AK 99801-1182

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Sincerely,

Ms. Johna Beech  
PO Box 2258  
Kenai, AK 99611-2258

## Daniel George

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**From:** Kristin Cox <drkristinnd@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 07, 2015 11:01 PM  
**To:** Sen. Bill Stoltze; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Charlie Huggins; Sen. Lesil McGuire; Sen. Bill Wielechowski  
**Subject:** SB1

Dear Senators of Senate Affairs Committee

My name is Dr. Kristin Cox I'm a naturopathic doctor and I have been practicing in Juneau for a dozen years.

As a doctor I have sworn an oath to "first do no harm" and as a Naturopath I have pledged to "identify and treat the cause" of illness.

For the population as a whole, tobacco is without a doubt, the #1 cause of preventable death and disease in this country and our state.

Even after reducing the smoking rate by half, tobacco use remains the leading cause of death and disease in our state, killing nearly 600 Alaskans prematurely every year. That is a lot of knowledge and skills lost. That is a big impact on the young people and families of our small state.

As legislators I believe it is your obligation to adopt policies to protect the people of Alaska from the dangers of smoking, especially the impact on non-smokers from exposure to second-hand smoke. .

The most effective ways to get people to quit and to keep people from initiating tobacco use is through strong smoke-free workplace policies.

Young and low income people are vulnerable to second hand smoke exposure and to smoking initiation through their workplaces. Bars, restaurants, kitchens, auto garages and other low wage jobs have high rates of tobacco use.

Please take a stand to protect the health of Alaskans by passing SB1, un-amended. Including e-cigarettes in this bill is of utmost importance. We do not know that e-cigarettes or exposure to their aerosol is safe. This bill will not restrict access to e-cigarettes for people who believe them to be beneficial to them. The bill requires that those same people don't experiment with the health of the people around them in their workplaces.

People trying to do an honest days work to support themselves and their families shouldn't have to compromise their health or their life nor be made susceptible to adopting a lifelong addictive habit.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Dr. Kristin Cox

Juneau, Alaska

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Kristin Cox, ND  
Rainforest Naturopathic Medicine  
907-523-2102  
418 Harris St. #316  
Juneau, AK 99801



## Daniel George

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**From:** melissa mudd <melissamudd@mtaonline.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 07, 2015 9:16 AM  
**To:** Chuck Kopp  
**Cc:** Sen. Bill Stoltze; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Charlie Huggins; Sen. Lesil McGuire; Sen. Bill Wielechowski  
**Subject:** Support for SB 1

Imagine working at a place where each employee is required to spend a full shift working in a room where the air contains 70 known cancer-causing chemicals, including formaldehyde, benzene and arsenic. As a condition of employment, the employee must consent to this environment or choose to work elsewhere.

Many Alaskans would say this is an intolerable situation that should not be allowed under any circumstances and that a business owner could never get away with knowingly putting employees at risk.

Thus it is hard to believe that thousands of Alaskans' lives are put in danger each day in this exact way — those who make their living in restaurants, bars and other workplaces across the state that allow smoking. These employees are exposed to secondhand smoke day after day because there are no statewide protections in place.

One of the most dangerous health hazards in America today — one that is entirely preventable — is secondhand smoke. As the third-leading cause of preventable death in the United States, secondhand smoke kills 3,400 Americans through lung cancer and about 46,000 through heart disease annually.

Few actions by state lawmakers will have a greater positive impact on the health and well-being of Alaskans than passing a statewide smoke-free workplace law. This law will protect employees and customers from the dangers of secondhand smoke, saving thousands of lives and millions of dollars for taxpayers.

In addition to the health benefits, the numerous economic benefits this legislation would provide to our state are undeniable. Businesses, employees and taxpayers would all benefit from statewide smoke-free legislation because of insurance coverage, health care costs and other direct and indirect costs of secondhand smoke exposure.

Opponents argue that business owners have a right to choose whether they want to allow smoking inside their establishment. While I respect that business owners have the right to make decisions on behalf of their business, that right should not override an individual's right to not have his or her most private property — their lungs — harmed by the choices of others. Businesses should not continue to put their employees in harm's way.

Many cities have adopted comprehensive ordinances that prohibit smoking in indoor workplaces, but unfortunately, many Alaskans live in unincorporated cities or rural areas where no entity exists to pass or enforce this type of legislation. Without a statewide smoke-free workplace law, thousands of Alaskans will remain unprotected from secondhand smoke exposure.

I request that you support the passage of SB 1 and with it, the health of all Alaskans.

Sincerely,

Melissa G. Mudd

PO Box 876658

Wasilla, AK 99687

## Daniel George

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**From:** Rachel Gernat <rachelgernat@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 08, 2015 11:14 AM  
**To:** Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Bill Stoltze; Sen. Charlie Huggins; Sen. Bill Wielechowski; Sen. Lesil McGuire; Chuck Kopp  
**Subject:** Support for SB 1 smoke free workplace  
**Attachments:** e-cigarettes final.docx

Dear Senators,

Attached is a letter/essay my twelve year old daughter wrote in support of banning e-cigarettes and indirectly in support of SB 1. She is not able to testify tomorrow, as she is in school.

Thank you,  
Rachel Gernat

## **What do you think about e-cigarettes?**

### **By Anja Cheyette (age 12)**

“E-cigarettes are battery powered devices that heat nicotine, flavor additives, and other chemicals, to produce an aerosol inhaled by the user.”<sup>1</sup>

E-cigarettes are not healthy to you or everyone else around you, and should not be smoked. E-cigarettes contain nicotine, ultrafine particles and low levels of toxin. The FDA’s (the U.S. Food and Drug Administration) investigation into the contents of e-cigarettes, found they contained aerosol. Aerosol is potentially hazardous to the public’s health.<sup>2</sup> In half of the e-cigarettes tested there was cancer causing substances inside.<sup>3</sup>

“When you puff on an e-cigarette you are actually inhaling nicotine, liquid, and flavorings.”<sup>4</sup> “The nicotine absorbs into the lungs,” which causes lung cancer.<sup>5</sup> Despite what is inside e-cigarettes, the makers of e-cigarettes say that the contents of them are safe.<sup>6</sup> Think about this: If the contents of e-cigarettes are safe, then why don’t the makers of e-cigarettes post the ingredients on the e-cigarettes?

Many middle and high school students have started to think that e-cigarettes are okay. “The number of middle and high school smokers has gone up from 79,000 in 2011 to 263,000 in 2013. Nicotine can harm brain development, which could cause lasting problems in thinking and memory.”<sup>7</sup> “Also nicotine is highly addictive, which is why about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of teen smokers become adult smokers.”<sup>8</sup> Teens and kids are supposed to be the people of the future. It is disturbing that younger children are using e-cigarettes that are very harmful to them.

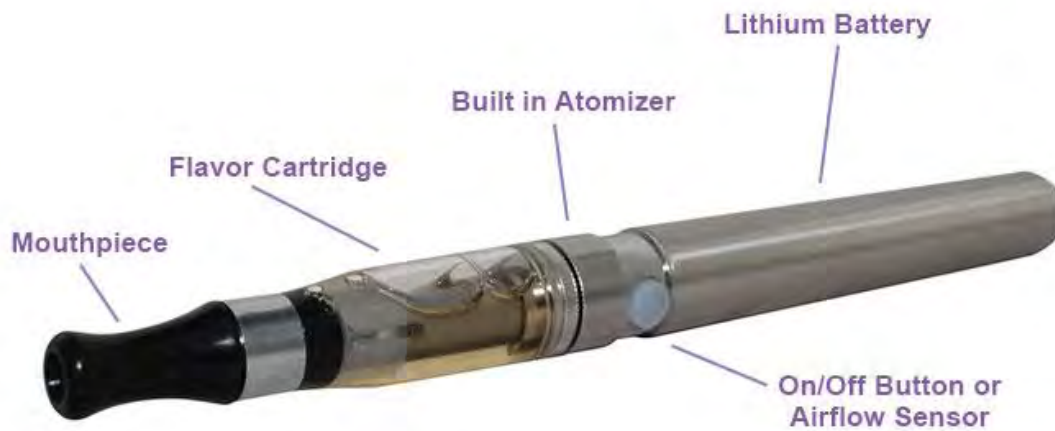
While the number of youth tobacco cigarette users has decreased, the number of youth e-cigarette users has increased.<sup>9</sup> “Youth e-cigarette users should be a concern to the community, because non-smoking children who tried an e-cigarette said that they would try a tobacco cigarette.”<sup>10</sup>

Everyone has to breathe, correct? Well, if I walk by someone who is smoking an e-cigarette; I am breathing; and the vapor is coming out of that e-cigarette. I am technically second-hand smoking, because I am breathing in the vapor from that e-cigarette. Now, if a family with two little kids walks by, you have five people, all of them are just innocent people walking down the street, who are second-hand smoking the vapor from that first person who is smoking an e-cigarette. Now, think about twenty more people walking by that one user. Think about the many people who smoke e-cigarettes, the innocent people who are walking by all those users all over the United States. How many people are breathing in those vapors, from those users?

So, also ask yourself this: Do you really want to inhale something from a company that doesn’t post the ingredients, just says “Trust us”? Why would you trust them when there are cancer causing substances inside an e-cigarette? So ask yourself: Who will you trust? What will you do?



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<sup>1</sup> The State of Alaska DHSS, *Electronic Cigarettes and Aerosol Emissions Product Update and Position*

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

<sup>3</sup> American Cancer Society, *What about Electronic Cigarettes? Aren't they Safe?*

<sup>4</sup> NPR, *E-Cigarettes can Churn out High Levels of Formaldehyde*

<sup>5</sup> *Id.*

<sup>6</sup> *Id.*

<sup>7</sup> WebMD, *Young Non-Smokers who Tried E-Cigs: Number Tripled*

<sup>8</sup> CDC

<sup>9</sup> DHSS, *supra.*

<sup>10</sup> WebMD, *supra.*

## Daniel George

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**From:** Stephanie Allen <sallen@unitedwaymatsu.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 08, 2015 2:26 PM  
**To:** Chuck Kopp; Sen. Charlie Huggins; Sen. Bill Stoltze  
**Cc:** Stephanie Allen  
**Subject:** SB1

Good afternoon. I understand that the Senate State Affairs will be hearing public testimony on SB1 tomorrow morning. We are not able to attend the Mat-Su LIO but I would like to ask you for your support of SB1.

From years of research, we know that secondhand smoke contains harmful chemicals known to cause chronic disease and harmful effects to the body. We have laws and policies in place to protect the health and safety of individuals such as those that work with asbestos, painting, body shops, etc. It stands to reason that by supporting SB1, Alaskans health and safety would be protected from these harmful chemical effects.

Furthermore, Palmer passed an indoor smoke free ordinance two years ago and the bar and hospitality industry have actually seen revenues increase due to more people populating and patronizing their establishments. It has been a huge success for the health of our community as well as the prosperity of our business establishments.

In Alaska, we place high value on our environment and appreciate its purity. Everyone deserves the right and opportunity to breathe clean, smoke free air.

We have an amazing occasion to significantly impact our great state in a positive way. We ask for your support of SB1.

Thank you so much for your consideration,

Stephanie Allen

Stephanie L. Allen

Executive Director

United Way of Mat-Su

550 S. Alaska Street, Suite 205

Palmer, AK 99645

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## **Chuck Kopp**

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**From:** Ami L Reifenstein <areifenstein@bartlettshospital.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 06, 2015 1:50 AM  
**To:** Chuck Kopp  
**Subject:** Support for SB1

Dear Mr. Kopp,

I am writing in support of SB1. As a life-long Alaskan, a health professional, and a mother, it is very important to me that we do our best to offer healthy living environments in as many places as possible. We have all seen the detriments that both smoking and second hand smoke have on health. We spend millions of dollars annually on patients who have co-morbidities made worse by a history of smoking. Worse yet, we spend money on sick children whose health issues are related to second hand smoke. Plain and simple, smoking is bad for our health and costs our state exorbitant amounts of money. Please consider the health of all Alaskans and support SB1.

Sincerely,

Ami Reifenstein, RN

Juneau, Alaska

Date: Feb 26, 2015

Dear Legislator –

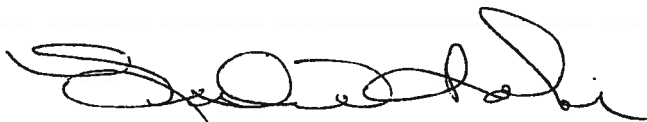
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This bill does NOT ban smoking or vaping; it simply requires that users **take it outside**, where non-users are not unnecessarily impacted in the workplace.

Please support SB1 because *everyone has the right to breathe smokefree air!*

Sincerely,



Printed Name: Leslie Rohr

Signature: 

Physical address or Senate/House District: 533 Pace St.  
Soldotna, AK 99669



Date: 2-26-15

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Printed Name: Margaret Quinn

Signature: 

Physical address or Senate/House District: California ave Kenai

Date: 2/29/15

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Sincerely,

Printed Name: Yolanda Windstrom

Signature: yolwindstrom

Physical address or Senate/House District: Sterling, AK

Date: 2/27/15

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Sincerely,

Printed Name: Derek Leichter

Signature: 

Physical address or Senate/House District: Soldotna

Date: 27 Feb 2015

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Printed Name:

Julie KINCAID

Signature:

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Physical address or Senate/House District:

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Physical address or Senate/House District: Soldotna

Date: 2/27/15

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Sincerely,

Printed Name: Cassandra Nash

Signature: Cassandra Nash

Physical address or Senate/House District: 1804 Miranda Ct  
Kenai, AK 99611

Date: 2/25/15

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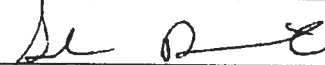
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Signature: 

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Sincerely,

Printed Name: Julie Tallent

Signature: Julie Tallent

Physical address or Senate/House District: Kenai



Date: 2/21/15

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Signature: Janet Gleason

Physical address or Senate/House District: Soldotna

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Printed Name: Danny Roman

Signature: 

Physical address or Senate/House District: Soldotna, AK

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Sincerely,

Printed Name: Bonnie Nichols

Signature: Bonnie J. Nichols

Physical address or Senate/House District: sterling

Date: 2-27-15

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Printed Name: Brittany Gunn

Signature: Brittany Gunn

Physical address or Senate/House District: Nikiski

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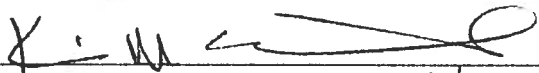
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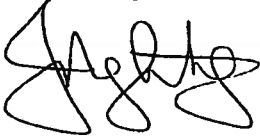
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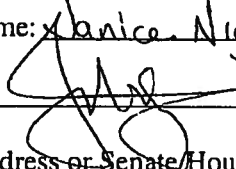
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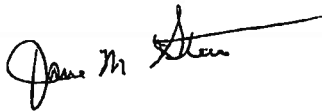
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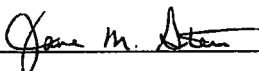
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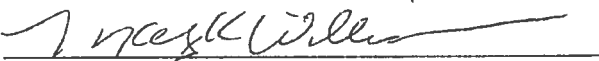
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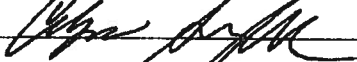
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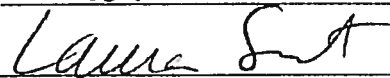
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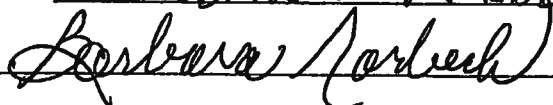
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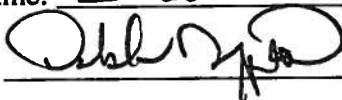
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Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: Brian Gabriel Sr

Name: BRIAN GABRIEL SR Title \_\_\_\_\_

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Signed resolutions of support can be emailed to [aksmokefreeworkplaces@gmail.com](mailto:aksmokefreeworkplaces@gmail.com) or faxed to 907.273.2073

## **Chuck Kopp**

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**From:** Faith Brunnhoelzl <fabrunnhoelzl@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 07, 2015 4:56 PM  
**To:** Chuck Kopp  
**Cc:** Sen. Bill Wielechowski; haronno@gmail.com; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Charlie Huggins; Sen. Lesil McGuire  
**Subject:** Take It Outside

Dear Senators,

I am Faith Brunnhoelzl, and I reside in Palmer, and have for 38 years.

Today, I am requesting you to support SB1 for the health and economic benefits of making Alaska smokefree. Making Alaska workplaces, restaurants and bars 100% smokefree would prevent about 1900 youth from becoming smokers, and within five years, save an estimated 5 million dollars in stroke, heart attack and lung cancer costs.

Alaska is one of only 15 states that currently has no law prohibiting smoking in all workplaces or restaurants or bars. A 100% statewide comprehensive smokefree workplace law is the ONLY way to protect all Alaska residents from the dangers of secondhand smoke.

Faith Brunnhoelzl

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Wasilla, Ak 99687

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## Chuck Kopp

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**From:** Jill Valerius <dr.valerius@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 07, 2015 7:52 PM  
**To:** Chuck Kopp  
**Subject:** SB 1 email

Mr Kopp,

I'm feeling as though I should apologize for my letter. As you can tell I'm fairly passionate about this topic and very frustrated by the responses that I have gotten in 2 trips to Juneau about this topic, especially with the valley cohort. I can only imagine that you guys share the frustration.

I appreciate all that you are doing in support of this legislation. I'll send another email to my valley representation, asking once again for their support.

Thanks for all you do and sorry for the curt message,

Jill K Valerius, MD  
Palmer