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From: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of Cindy Emery <ican@acscan.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 12:07 PM
To: Sen. David Wilson
Subject: Please vote YES on SB63 Smoke-Free Workplaces

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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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| NAME: | <u>Debbie V. Cary</u> | |
| REPRESENTING: | <u>Self</u> | |
| BILL # or SUBJECT: | <u>SB 63</u> | |
| COMMITTEE: | <u>SHSS</u> | DATE: <u>3-1-17</u> |

I would like to thank Peter Micciche for bringing this bill forward.

As a bar and restaurant owner on the Kenai Peninsula I am in support of Senate Bill 63. Everyone has the right to work in a smoke free environment. I have talked with many of my customers who said if it was the law they would "take it outside". As has been pointed out by numerous people employees many times have no choice but to work in this environment. Many teenagers begin working in the hospitality industry and as a result are exposed to second hand smoke. With all of the research out there we are all aware of the consequences of second hand smoke.

It has been pointed out that establishments have the option of going non-smoking and I disagree with this when we are talking about small communities. The governing body of the state of Alaska, as pointed out by the sponsor, have passed legislation regarding health and safety of its constituents in "Similar roles include establishing speed limits, regulating driving under the influence, electrical building codes and ensuring industrial employee safety regulations. The financial burden of caring for those that fall victim to tobacco-related illness due to second-hand smoke costs the State of Alaska tens of millions of dollars annually"

When does the right of one out way the rights of others? It is our right to have a safe and healthy workplace. Please pass this bill.

Many times it is important to do the right thing for the right reason.

I would like to ask you to move this bill forward, as it has been before this body for many years.

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Here we go again? There is already bars that have non smoking in them & there should be a place where the smokers can go. I have a few people who come in my place just to play pool & Darts, they don't smoke & some don't even drink but come in to just socialize. I have bartenders who don't smoke but choose to work here anyway. They like bartending & the patrons, they know there is bars that have no smoking but choose to work here. That means their freedom of choice. Now I'm sick of all this government interference in my business because I have lost 25% to 30% of my small business due to oil layoffs. This non smoking will cost me more patrons. I have talked to them, they said if it goes to no smoking they'll buy their drinks & will just stay home. This will be the death of some small Mom & Pop businesses.

I pay for my licenses, insurance, permits & wages - you don't. These young people who don't like smoking, more power to them but remember one thing - they aren't old enough to buy cigs. or to be in

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a bar. So in my opinion they should not have a say about bars. Like I said before there's ~~are~~ places enough that has no smoking. We know it isn't good for us but it one of our freedoms & now you want to take that away & add more taxes instead of cleaning out your ~~house~~ house & do the cut it needs.

My two grandmas one 78 & one 99 both died of cancer, never drank or smoked in their life didn't allow it ~~in~~ in their homes. Now my Dad lived to be 100 & smoked his whole life & died of old age not cancer. Every one has cancer cells in their body but just lays dormant in some. My gripe is government interfering in my business & my life. I'm sure you can take care of your business & stay out of mine, all I want to is to try & make a living & would like this bill not to pass because it is taking away our freedoms & our rights. I'm sick & tired of people thinking they can live my life better than I can.

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Sincerely,

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Please proceed to pass this legislation and protect the Health of Alaskans.

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Sincerely,

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From: mark massera <AK_PALADIN@hotmail.com>
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To: Jody Simpson
Subject: SB63

hello,

my name is mark massera, i am a resident on the kenai peninsula and i am also ex-tobacco consumer.

i see that in SB63 vaping is being lumped in with smoking. I smoked for well over a decade and in the last couple years i have been tobacco free, thanks to vaping. with over a decade of smoking experience i think i am more than qualified to say there is no comparison between the two products. one kills people and decreases quality of life for the consumer and anyone around them. the other does not cause cancer or cause harm to the consumer or people around them.

i do believe that vaping is for adults and every vape shop i have been to has shared my opinion, because they card at the shops making sure anyone under 19 does not purchase any products.

vaping has changed my live as well as my families, it would truly be a shame to treat it like tobacco which destroys lives.

thank you for your time.