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Dear Senator Dyson and Representative Stoltze:

I understand that various committees will be taking testimony on SB209 and HB360 on the Smoke Free Workplaces initiative. Since I will be out of state for part of the week, I wanted to make sure to get my comments to you in writing on this important issue.

As a Palmer community volunteer, business owner, and parent, I am proud and grateful for the example Palmer has set for the rest of the state on the importance of making health a priority, and showing that doing so is economically sustainable. We need to protect employees and customers from the dangers of second-hand smoke on a state-wide level. As a business owner, I want my employees and clients to enjoy a business environment free of dangerous carcinogens. No one should have to take health risks in order to make a living.

The Smoke Free Workplaces initiative is important to me as a parent who travels with my children to unincorporated areas in the state. Last year, a friend invited us to her lodge to help with and watch the Copper Basin 300 dog sled race. Having never been there before, I was concerned to find that the only restaurant was in the same area of the building as the bar where both employees and guests were smoking. I could not subject my kids to those health risks, we cut our trip short, and have not returned. No one should have to take health risks in order to enjoy Alaska's businesses, restaurants, bars, lodges and tourism opportunities.

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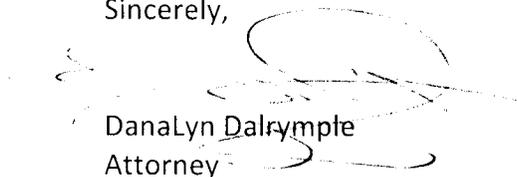
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I am also concerned about the unknown risks of e-cigarettes. Without uniform regulation and testing, I do not want my children exposed to e-cigarette emissions any more than I want them exposed to second-hand smoke. Any amount of exposure to nicotine or carcinogens is too much for my kids and should be too much for our hard-working employees and customers too.

I fully support everyone's right to breathe smoke-free air and time is of the essence for the state to make smoke-free Alaska a reality.

Sincerely,



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