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## WRITTEN TESTIMONY

**NAME:** Debra Shuey

**REPRESENTING:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BILL # or SUBJECT:** SB209

**COMMITTEE & DATE:** SFIN 4-11-14

Dear Honorable Kevin Meyer, Honorable Pete Kelly, Honorable Anna Fairclough, Honorable Click Bishop, Honorable Mike Dunleavy, Honorable Lyman Hoffman, Honorable Donald Olson:

I was at the LIO in Kenai this morning to testify on SB209. When the testimony was delayed for later in the day, I was unable to testify in person due to work commitments.

As a citizen who resides and works in prevention and health services for over 25 years in Alaska, I am well aware of the health consequences associated with tobacco use and other harmful substances.

I also have personal experiences with the consequences of tobacco use. My father began smoking at age 13 and at age 35 had emphysema. In his early 60's he was on oxygen full time. In October of this month a very dear friend of mine died from lung cancer caused by smoking. She was 63.

Tobacco use is a major public concern and remains the #1 preventable death in the U.S. We have lost more than 100 million lives from tobacco use in the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

I support smoke free indoor workplaces and the inclusion of e-cigarettes in this Bill. I would like to see the exemption for marine vessels removed.

Thank you.

**Debra Shuey**