

Taneeka Hansen

From: beckyf@gci.net
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2016 6:12 PM
To: Taneeka Hansen
Subject: HB328

Dear Sir:

I am sending this to voice my support for HB328. As a nurse for over 35 years I have experienced many times over, the results of second hand smoke on people. Patients get a diagnosis of lung cancer and share 'I have never smoked in my life! How can this be happening to me?'. The most common answer is: they were exposed to second hand smoke. Many people don't realize that second hand smoke can cause cancer too. When they realize this to be true, it is too late. Restricting exposure to second hand smoke will improve health of workers, decrease lost time away from work for personal illness, and decrease long range health care costs per person. Prevention does save money!

Not allowing smoking in the work place is a SMART decision. Just as lawmaker who years ago struggled to make seat belts in cars a law. Many people feel that their personal 'right' outweighs the 'rights' of those around them. Smoking is a personal choice, however smoking around others in a work environment is not a personal 'right'. Protecting all workers/employees is everyone's responsibility!

Thank you for your consideration and support of HB328.

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From: steve taylor <sctanv11@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2016 4:50 PM
To: Joshua Banks; Taneeka Hansen
Subject: Fwd: HB 328

> Good Afternoon ladies and gentlemen,

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> I am writing to urge you to support, and vote yes on House Bill 328, the “Take it Outside Bill”, when it comes to you for a vote.

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> This Bill is not a referendum on smoking, e-cigarettes, or smokers. It simply requires that an individual not smoke or “vape” within their workplace, and to take it outside.

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> This bill also includes E-Cigarettes. There is mounting evidence that the “vapor” created by these products contains numerous dangerous carcinogens. There is an argument that these products are designed to help with cessation of smoking. And while that may or may not be true, the fact of the matter is that no one should have to be the Lab Rat for big tobacco without simply due to their place of employment, which is exactly what we all will be doing if E-Cigarettes are allowed in the workplace, and unwilling employees are subjected to E-Cigarettes against their will.

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> Big Tobacco claims that E-Cigarettes are safe, and pose no threat. You know, a lot like what they said about cigarettes.....anyone know how that turned out?.....I know that I wouldn't bet the health of myself, or family members on what they have to say, would you?

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> As far as this affecting local businesses? Just ask the local bars how going smoke free has helped them. If anything, many have seen an increase in business. Again, this bill is not about putting E-Cigarette shops, or tobacco shops out of business, its about taking it outside, and not subjecting others to the products dangers.

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> Many villages and cities in unorganized boroughs do not have a voice to utilize health powers, which means it falls in the hands of our State government. You have the Honorable power to do what Government is meant to do, in its basic of form.....protect your constituents, and more importantly, your friends and family and your children. Again, I urge you to help protect Alaskans right to breath clean air, and I thank you for your service and your time.

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> Please vote Yes on House Bill 328.
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> Best Regards,
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From: Eva Loken [<mailto:eva@evaloken.com>]
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2016 6:08 PM
To: Rep. Paul Seaton <Rep.Paul.Seaton@akleg.gov>
Subject: Smokefree alaska work places

I am writing to you to ask that you pass HB 328 out of committee as soon as possible, and help guide it through the rest of the process.

IN advance Thank you from all the workers that will not be exposed to 2ndhand smoke when this bill is law,

Eva