



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the \_\_\_ House Health and Social Services Committee on HB328\_032216

Please accept the following as written testimony.

PLEASE support the passage of HB 328.

James Fassler  
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## Taneeka Hansen

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**From:** American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of  
Hanna Zollinger <ican@acscan.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 8:41 AM  
**To:** Rep. Paul Seaton  
**Subject:** Vote YES on House Bill 328

Mar 22, 2016

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State Capitol, Room 102  
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Juneau, AK 99801-1182

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Sincerely,

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## Taneeka Hansen

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**From:** American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of Wendy Hallback <ican@acscan.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 8:51 AM  
**To:** Rep. Paul Seaton  
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Sincerely,

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## Taneeka Hansen

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**From:** American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of G. Fries <ican@acscan.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 9:25 AM  
**To:** Rep. Paul Seaton  
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Sincerely,

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## Taneeka Hansen

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**From:** American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of Shannon Wileman <ican@acscan.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 9:24 AM  
**To:** Rep. Paul Seaton  
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Sincerely,

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## Taneeka Hansen

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**From:** American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of Kathleen Ward <ican@acscan.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 11:41 AM  
**To:** Rep. Paul Seaton  
**Subject:** Vote YES on House Bill 328

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Sincerely,

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## Taneeka Hansen

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**From:** American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of Evangelia Vlasakakis <ican@acscan.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 11:41 AM  
**To:** Rep. Paul Seaton  
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Sincerely,

Mrs. Evangelia Vlasakakis  
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## Taneeka Hansen

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**From:** Neelou Tabatabai <ntabatab@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 10:06 AM  
**To:** Taneeka Hansen  
**Subject:** HOUSE BILL 328

Hello,

I am writing to advocate for the passing of the smokefree workplace law. I have had many close family members pass away from smoking related causes. I am passionate about lung health and hope that you will support a bill that will protect thousands of Alaskans from having to go through what my family and I endured with the passing of our close relatives.

Thank you for your time.

Best,  
Neelou Tabatabai  
Concerned Alaskan



## Taneeka Hansen

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**From:** American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of martin niemi <ican@acscan.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 9:41 AM  
**To:** Rep. Paul Seaton  
**Subject:** Vote YES on House Bill 328

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Sincerely,

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## Taneeka Hansen

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**From:** Jacob Smith <jacob9870@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 10:20 AM  
**To:** Joshua Banks; Taneeka Hansen  
**Subject:** House Bill 328

Hello,

I am writing to express my support for House Bill 328. I have experienced first-hand the difficulty to breathe in restaurants that still allow smoking. I cannot imagine what employees have to endure on a daily basis working in such establishments. I want you to stand up for the right to breathe clean air. Alaskans do not deserve to be exposed to second-hand smoke unwillingly. Please support House Bill 328 and protect the health of thousands of Alaskans.

Jacob Smith

## Taneeka Hansen

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**From:** American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of LEE ANNE CRAFTON <ican@acscan.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 10:11 AM  
**To:** Rep. Paul Seaton  
**Subject:** Vote YES on House Bill 328

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Sincerely,

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## Taneeka Hansen

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**From:** American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of Danielle Click <ican@acscan.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 9:41 AM  
**To:** Rep. Paul Seaton  
**Subject:** Vote YES on House Bill 328

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Sincerely,

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## Taneeka Hansen

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**From:** American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of  
Cindy Emery <ican@acscan.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 8:51 AM  
**To:** Rep. Paul Seaton  
**Subject:** Vote YES on House Bill 328

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Cindy Emery  
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## Taneeka Hansen

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**From:** American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of Heather Aronno <ican@acscan.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 21, 2016 6:39 PM  
**To:** Rep. Paul Seaton  
**Subject:** Vote YES on House Bill 328

**Categories:** Taneeka

Mar 21, 2016

State Representative Paul Seaton  
State Capitol, Room 102  
120 Fourth Street  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

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Sincerely,

Ms. Heather Aronno  
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## Taneeka Hansen

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**From:** Amy Gorn <amygorn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 21, 2016 9:59 PM  
**To:** Joshua Banks; Taneeka Hansen  
**Subject:** HB 328

Dear Mr. Banks and Ms. Hansen,

I am writing with my full support for House Bill 328 for a smoke free Alaska. I am thankful the House Health and Social Services Committee is hearing this crucial legislation. I grew up as a secondhand smoker, meaning as a child with family members smoking around me and in environments I could not escape even though the exposure to secondhand smoke brought asthma to my life, something still afflicting me as an adult. My health noticeably improved when I sought smoke free environments as an adult and as more cities across our country are protecting employees and customers from the harmful effects of secondhand smoke by simply having people "take it outside."

The rise of electronic cigarette usage and "vape" products is disturbing to me as it normalizes behaviors that young people do not need to see. The youth rates of use with these products in this State and around our country is alarmingly growing. The FDA has approved cessation devices to help smokers, such as nicotine inhalers, and e-cigs/vapes ARE not approved to support cessation.

The entire country of Ireland decided to make all their workplaces smoke free, and more states and cities across the country are doing so. It is the right decision to make for Alaska as not all areas of our state have the health powers to enact locally. It is not a fiscal burden and will save the state healthcare costs. Passing HB 328 out of committee and supporting overall, including the prohibition of electronic cigarettes, is one of the easy decisions this Session. I support HB 328 fully and urge you to support as well.

Please share this message with committee members. I wish I could testify at my local LIO in the Mat-Su, but my work requires me to be in Anchorage at a conference on Tuesday.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Amy Gorn  
Wasilla, AK

## Taneeka Hansen

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**From:** Octavia Harris <octavia.m.harris@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 5:57 AM  
**To:** Joshua Banks; Taneeka Hansen  
**Subject:** HB 328 - Smokefree

Dear Legislators,

I am an Alaskan who lives in Fairbanks. I wholeheartedly support HB 328 and ask that the House Health and Social Services Committee pass HB 328 out of committee. I'm a mother of two boys with my oldest son being of working age. Last summer at 17 he got a job at our one of our local Fred Meyer stores. This store allows employees to smoke indoors. Although the smoking room is inside and supposedly ventilated I understand from ASHRAE (American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers) that ventilation does not protect from tobacco smoke seeping through walls and the heating/cooling system. My son has asthma and not to mention he is still impressionable. He also had same age peers who worked at the Fred Meyer. These youth were not only exposed to tobacco smoke, but had the use modeled for them in the workplace. This should not occur. Taking it outside should also include electronic cigarettes or e-cigarettes also commonly known as vapes. The technology and advertising from the producers and sellers are targeting youth. More youth have used e-cigarettes recently than traditional cigarettes and many youth have become dual users. I care not only about my sons, but the other youth in my community and across the state. Additionally those with chronic illnesses or at-risk should not be exposed to tobacco-smoke or vape clouds indoors. The legalization of recreational marijuana use should also be applied to indoor workplaces. Non-smokers and smokers alike should have a level-playing field when it comes to breathing clean indoor air in workplaces. All indoor workplaces should be smoke and vape-free. This is a measure that will save lives and save Alaskans healthcare related costs.

Please pass HB 328 out of committee.

Thank you,  
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