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Subject: FW: SB1 from Soldotna Resident

From: Jamie Chilton [mailto:dolchok@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, March 27, 2015 12:29 AM

To: Sen. Peter Micciche

Subject: SB1 from Soldotna Resident

Senator,

My name is Jamie Chilton, my wife Stephanie and our three children are Soldotna residents and have been for many years. We currently run our own business in the city of Kenai, by the name of High Voltage Vapes. This is a small town e-cigarette, e liquid, and equipment/device shop. We are a family run business, and do not condone any kind of controlled substances through our shop, we work hard to distance our self from the "head shop" idea that most think about when they see Vape shop.

In response to SB 1 that was introduced I had some concerns about how the bill was written.

I understand the need to control smoking in public places, and support that by all means. But this bill will pretty much close our shop, lose our business, and the borough will lose the sales tax collection. We support our family off this business, and not only our needs but the needs of our community members that have made the choice to move to e-cigarettes for the health benefits as opposed to smoking.

HB 40 designates e-cigs as "smoking" by definition from what I have read.

I would like to see a option for compliance to allow a retail e-cigarette shop to operate if they share a wall with another business.

Possibilities:

-Exempt e-cigarette retail shops all together.

- Installing proper air cleaning system (purification).

-Permission from building owner and written permission from attached businesses.

Last year a bill almost identical to SB1 was introduced that landed in the lap of the Senate Finance Committee, and no other information about the bill has been available. I was surprised to see both HB 40 and SB1 come out around the same time frame to designate "vaping" to be the same as smoking. But I see how that would be needed to support SB1.

Please consider my comments, and please visit

<http://www.scsaa.org> for more information about the benefits that e-cigarettes offer over smoking.

I chose to make the switch over six months ago, I feel better, breathe easier, and know that I am only ingesting 4 ingredients into my body and not 36,000 that are in tobacco products. I get great pleasure when people come into the shop daily and are looking to move away from smoking, I believe that I am helping save lives by doing what I do.

Vaping is not evil, it is a safer alternative to smoking amidst the negative reporting against it, funded by big tobacco.

Please visit the shop sometime, I would be happy to speak with you and show you around what we do and how we help people.

Thank you for your time,

Sincerely

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From: Marge Stoneking <mstoneking@aklung.org>
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Subject: MatSu Letters on SB1
Attachments: matsu letters_001.pdf

Dear MatSu Delegation;

Thank you for your service to Alaskans. Attached are letters to the editor from Valley Alaskans regarding Senate Bill 1, the Take it Outside Act. Add these voices to the more than 870 business resolutions and thousands of individual Alaskans who signed supporter cards.

Yes, smokefree indoor workplaces is a public health priority for American Lung Association, American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, Alaska Native Health Board, and AARP. It's a priority for us because we each speak for thousands of Alaskans who believe that everyone deserves the right to breathe smokefree air.

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From: Carmen Lunde <carmenj@gci.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 26, 2003 10:40 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: SB1

Dear Senator Stoltze,

I listened with interest to your comments on the SB1 hearing in February and again to your comments at the hearing in March concerning the none-smoking issue.

In 1993 the EPA issued a report on the harmful effects of secondhand smoke. They had five years to spread their lies before the report appeared before Federal District Judge William Osteen of Greensboro, North Carolina. Judge Osteen threw the entire report out of his courtroom.

The bottom line:

It may be politically correct to attack secondhand smoke, but it is not scientifically correct nor, in the Court's opinion, legally correct.

EPA deliberately misled the American public about the science concerning secondhand smoke.

EPA was guilty of major scientific and procedural errors in preparing its Risk Assessment.

EPA cherry picked information, changed the standards of scientific inquiry and tortured the data to reach a predetermined conclusion.

EPA abused its power and authority in an effort to force regulation on secondhand smoke when the scientific basis for the EPA's claims simply did not exist.

The EPA actions, reminds me of something Oliver North said: "I was provided with additional input that was radically different from the truth. I assisted in furthering that version."

This to me, is exactly what the spin doctors did by taking the bits and pieces that fit their agenda from this seriously flawed report and, have continued to spin their erroneous findings out of control.

I am also opposed to SB1 because I believe business owners have the right to make their own choices without government mandating laws that force them to go against their wishes.

I oppose SB1 because I know personally of veterans who go to the American Legion on a daily basis to visit with friends and enjoy a cigarette with their drink. I for one do not have the nerve to tell them they have to stand outside in the freezing Alaskan weather, after all they have done for us, to smoke a cigarette.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
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From: Olgacreek <olgacreek@gci.net>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2015 2:39 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: SB 1 Wade Ball Kodiak

Senators

My name is Wade Ball and I oppose SB 1.

I am the owner of a small business in Kodiak that has been in our family operating for 4 generations (1966). We are in the hospitality industry and operate "The Village Bar".

We are located in a community that is mostly supported by other small business people, i.e. fishermen. Quite a few of our clientele are fishermen that smoke.

At our establishment I have both smoking and non-smoking events (sporting, music, party ...).

Over the last few years I have felt local non-smoking pressure to become a smoke free venue. That being said I decided to go to a non-smoking bar as of Jan. 1 2015. Immediately we encountered a dramatic decline in revenue as we lost our blue collar fishermen without any increase of the local non-smoking voices. After 60 days of lost revenue and consultation with my staff we returned our establishment to its original status of a smoking bar. We were lucky to see our business return but still are trying to recover from the 60 day loss.

This attempt that I made to become a smoke free establishment due to local pressure clearly proves that the out spoken voices of a few did not reflect the thoughts of those involved. The people now have a choice weather they choose to go to a smoking or non-smoking establishment now.

SB 1 is too broad containing "public places".

I recommend "government/municipal places"

Daniel George

From: George Gatter <ohfishguy@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2015 6:07 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze; Sen. Bill Wielechowski; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Charlie Huggins; Sen. Lesil McGuire
Subject: Sb 1

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Hello

My name is George Gatter jr my wife and I own 2 bars in Kodiak one smoking and the other non smoking . This is Pete Micciche second attempt to pass a non smoking bill. He says he is trying to protect employees in bars and minors.

First there are no Minors in bars and no one is forcing people to work at any bar. Bars are private property but open to the public an Individual doesn't have to enter a smoking bar and if they do they are consenting adults.

For Senator Pete Micciche This is a Personal Mission.He stated publicly he lost a family member that Smoked and I'm truly sorry for his loss My only plea to you when considering this bill. Dose this bill protect the helpless or is an attempt to condemn people that smoke and business that cater to smokers.

I first hand went nonsmoking to try it out January 1st thru march 1st 2015.

We went back to smoking because sales were down 50 plus percent

Please consider leaving this just the way they are

In Kodiak we have 5 businesses that smoke and 16 that are nonsmoking I believe this is a fair margin.

If this bill banned Tobacco in Alaska we would have a Uprising

Instead its slowly and methodically eliminating this places to use tobacco.