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

Dear State Representative Seaton,

I write to you today in support of House Bill 328, which would create a statewide smoke-free indoor workplace law. This bill will protect Alaskans from unnecessary exposure to cancer-causing toxins from secondhand smoke and e-cigarette aerosol in the workplace.

Sixty-nine percent of Alaskans support a statewide smoke-free workplace law, according to recent polling. Similarly, large percentages support including e-cigarettes (72%) and marijuana (79%) in a smoke-free workplace law. Public opinion and awareness of the dangers of exposure to these substances is clear: No one should have to choose between a job and their health.

Secondhand smoke exposure to non-smokers increases their risk of heart disease and lung cancer by up to 30%. It's time for us to extend protection from secondhand smoke and e-cigarette aerosol in the workplace to employees and customers across the state.

Alaskans can't wait any longer for smoke-free workplaces. I hope I can count on you to vote yes on House Bill 328.

Sincerely,

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