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February 19, 2017

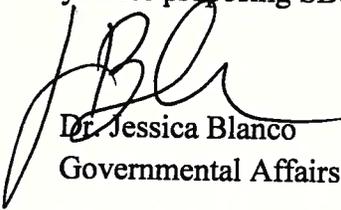
The Honorable Peter Micciche  
Alaska State Senate  
Alaska State Capitol, Room 514  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Senator Micciche,

The Alaska Dental Society (ADS) is writing in support of SB63.

The Alaska Dental Society fully supports your efforts in passage of Senate Bill 63. Our membership, the dentists of Alaska, are all too familiar with the detrimental effects second hand smoke has on our patients, the citizens of Alaska. The negative health effects of second hand smoke have been thoroughly studied and peer reviewed. Although most commonly associated with pulmonary and cardiovascular disease, multiple studies published and reviewed in the Journal of American Dental Association (JADA), American Journal of Public Health and the Journal of American Medical Association identified links between a higher rate of carries and periodontitis and exposure to second hand smoke. This unfortunate association is not limited to adults. The JADA has found increased rate of carries amongst infants and children exposed to second hand smoke.

Given the overwhelming scientific evidence, the ADS believes that limiting exposure to second hand smoke is in the best interest those Alaskan citizens that do not wish to be incidentally exposed. We support and thank you for proposing SB63.



Dr. Jessica Blanco  
Governmental Affairs Chair, Alaska Dental Society



**ALASKA NATIVE  
TRIBAL HEALTH  
CONSORTIUM**

February 27, 2017

Senate Health & Social Services Committee  
Attn: Chair, Senator David Wilson  
Alaska State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801

**RE: Support for Senate Bill 63**

Dear Chairman Wilson and Members of the Senate Health and Social Services Committee:

The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) is a statewide tribal health organization that serves all 229 tribes and more than 158,000 Alaska Natives and American Indians (AN/AIs) in Alaska. ANTHC and Southcentral Foundation co-manage the Alaska Native Medical Center, the tertiary care hospital for all AN/AI people in Alaska. ANTHC also provides a wide range of statewide public health, community health, environmental health and other programs and services for Alaska Native people and their communities.

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Cancer is the leading cause of death among Alaska Native people and lung cancer is one of the most frequently diagnosed cancers. Cigarette smoking is linked to approximately 90% of all lung cancer cases in the United States. Heart disease is the second leading cause of death among AN/AI people and smoking and exposure to secondhand smoke are major risk factors for heart disease.

There is widespread support for smoke-free workplaces. Among AI/AN adults, 89% believe smoking should not be allowed in indoor work areas and 86% support smoke-free restaurants.

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Sincerely,

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Gerald Moses  
Senior Director of Intergovernmental Affairs



April 19, 2016

Senator Peter Micciche  
State Capitol, Room: 514  
120 E. 4th St.  
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Micciche,

The Denali Oncology Group and the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) strongly support Alaska Senate Bill 1 to create smoke-free workplaces. We urge the Alaska legislature to enact a smoke-free workplace law as soon as possible.

The Denali Oncology Group (DOG), an organization of oncologists and other health care professionals, is the Alaska Affiliate of ASCO, the national organization representing nearly 40,000 physicians and other healthcare professionals specializing in cancer treatment, diagnosis, and prevention.

The U.S. Surgeon General's 2014 report, "*50th Anniversary Surgeon General's Report: The Health Consequences of Smoking—50 Years of Progress*," noted that tobacco smoke contains more than 7,000 chemicals, including hundreds that are toxic and about 70 that can cause cancer; and secondhand smoke exposure caused more than 7,300 lung cancer deaths each year during 2005–2009 among adult nonsmokers in the United States.

Tobacco use is the leading preventable cause of cancer in the world. It is linked to a long list of cancers, including cancers of the lung, esophagus, mouth, larynx and pancreas, and many others. There is no safe form of tobacco and no safe level of tobacco use. Even brief exposure can be harmful to health.

The DOG and ASCO strongly support policies aimed at reducing and ultimately eliminating tobacco-related disease through discouraging the use of tobacco products and exposure to secondhand smoke. We support clean indoor air policies and efforts to prohibit the use of tobacco products in public places. Such policies are proven to reduce exposure to secondhand smoke. They also result in increased tobacco cessation by adults and decreased initiation among youth.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue. If you have questions or would like assistance on any issue related to providing care of individuals with cancer, please do not hesitate to contact Latha Subramanian M.D. at the Denali Oncology Group or Jennifer Brunelle at ASCO at [jennifer.brunelle@asco.org](mailto:jennifer.brunelle@asco.org).

Sincerely,

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Latha Subramanian  
President, DOG

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie Vose" in a cursive style.

Julie M. Vose, MD, MBA, FASCO  
President, American Society of Clinical Oncology

-----Original Message-----

From: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network [<mailto:ican@acscan.org>]

Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 8:31 PM

To: Sen. Peter Micciche <[Sen.Peter.Micciche@akleg.gov](mailto:Sen.Peter.Micciche@akleg.gov)>

Subject: Thank you for sponsoring the smoke-free workplace bill

Feb 23, 2017

State Senator Peter Micciche  
State Capitol, Room 508  
120 Fourth Street  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear State Senator Micciche,

As your constituent, I wanted to thank you for sponsoring the smoke-free bill (SB63). I urge you to continue to support the passage of this important bill as it progresses through its committees.

Peter,

Thanks for your leadership on this one. There are many healthcare issues I feel strongly about; smoke free environments is one we can definitely agree on.

Kristin

Thanks for your help in protecting everyone's right to breathe smoke-free air by sponsoring SB63. With your help, 2017 will be the year when Alaska becomes a smoke-free state.

Sincerely,

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From: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network [mailto:ican@acscan.org]

Sent: Tuesday, May 24, 2016 9:15 AM

To: Sen. Peter Micciche <Sen.Peter.Micciche@akleg.gov>

Subject: Thank you for being a champion for smoke-free workplaces!

May 24, 2016

State Senator Peter Micciche

State Capitol, Room 514

120 Fourth Street

Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear State Senator Micciche,

I was so happy to see that you voted in favor of Senate Bill 1, the Take It Outside Act, to make indoor workplaces across Alaska smoke-free. Thank you for taking a stand for the health of all of the employees, patrons, and business owners across the state.

As someone who cares about promoting and protecting the health of Alaskans, I want to let you know how proud I was to learn that you are keeping the best interests of our citizens at heart. Everyone deserves to breathe clean, smoke-free air.

Please help this bill succeed by encouraging your fellow legislators in the House to support this bill as it moves through that chamber.

Thank you for doing the right thing for Alaska workers and making smoke-free workplaces a priority. Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,

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**From:** Alaska Tom [mailto:alaskatom66@hotmail.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 22, 2017 3:26 PM

**To:** Sen. David Wilson <Sen.David.Wilson@akleg.gov>; Sen. Natasha Von Imhof <Sen.Natasha.VonImhof@akleg.gov>; Sen. Peter Micciche <Sen.Peter.Micciche@akleg.gov>; Sen. Cathy Giessel <Sen.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>; Sen. Tom Begich <Sen.Tom.Begich@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** Support For Senate Bill 63

I ask for your of support Senate Bill 63 guaranteeing everyone's right to breathe smoke-free air inside Alaska's workplaces and public places. This issue has special meaning for me.

My partner and I were in our 21st year of a relationship when small cell lung cancer claimed his life. As you may know, this form of lung cancer is generally associated with tobacco smoke. I do not want more of my Alaskan friends to suffer from the same death.

Please support Senate Bill 63.

Tom Rachal

Anchorage Resident

**Rachel Hanke**

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**From:** American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of John Kasukonis <ican@acscan.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2017 6:05 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Fight cancer: Support the smoke-free workplaces bill  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Feb 21, 2017

State Senator Peter Micciche  
State Capitol, Room 508  
120 Fourth Street  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear State Senator Micciche,

I'm sure you have seen volunteers from the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network in the Capitol today.

While I can't be in Juneau with them, I want you to know I join them in support of Senate Bill 63. I am an Alaskan who believes everyone has the right to breathe smoke-free air.

Please support the progress of SB 63.

Sincerely,

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February 27, 2017

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February 24, 2017

The Honorable Peter Micciche  
State Capitol, Room 121  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

**RE: Senate Bill 63 (Micciche) – Support**

Dear Senator Micciche:

On behalf of the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association (AHA/ASA), we are pleased to support SB 63. This bill would prohibit smoking in workplaces and public spaces.

Cigarette smoking is the leading cause of preventable disease and death in the United States and a major risk factor for heart disease and stroke. Smoking not only claims the lives of those who use tobacco, but also those who are exposed to secondhand smoke. As reported by the United States Surgeon General, “Exposure of adults to secondhand smoke has immediate adverse effects on the cardiovascular system and causes coronary heart disease and lung cancer.”<sup>i</sup>

The link between secondhand smoke and disease is well established and the connection to cardiovascular related disability and death is also clear. Short-term exposure to secondhand smoke activates blood platelets, causing them to stick together, increasing the likelihood of a blood clot that can result in a heart attack or stroke.<sup>ii</sup> In fact, just 30 minutes of exposure to secondhand smoke rapidly impairs vascular endothelial function.<sup>iii, iv</sup> Long-term exposure to secondhand smoke, such as that occurring in a home or workplace, is associated with a 25%–30% increased risk for coronary heart disease in adult nonsmokers.<sup>v</sup>

Because of these effects on blood and blood vessels, the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports “there is no risk-free level of secondhand smoke and even brief exposure can cause immediate harm.”<sup>vi</sup> Smokefree indoor air laws save lives. Studies of at least 10 communities published in peer-reviewed journals have shown a decrease in heart attack incidence after the implementation of smoke-free laws. For example, in Helena, MT there was a 40% decrease in heart attacks among Helena residents while smoke-free laws were in place. In Pueblo, CO there was a 41% decline in heart attack hospitalization.

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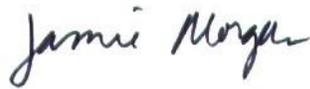
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In addition to the health benefit, there is an economic advantage to enacting smoke-free laws. Growing evidence shows no significant impact and, in many instances, an actual increase in business. Additional benefits for businesses include lower cleaning costs, lower worker absenteeism, and increased productivity.

Unfortunately, only half of the Alaskan population is covered by a smoke-free workplace law, many due to jurisdictional issues. SB 63 will better protect the health and safety of all workers, patrons and visitors from the diseases and premature death caused by secondhand smoke. In addition, a statewide law would create a standard with regard to secondhand smoke that puts all businesses and workplaces across Alaska on a level playing field.

The AHA/ASA believes SB 63 will positively impact Alaska residents' health, state healthcare costs, and would benefit businesses which would no longer be impacted by the various costs associated with indoor smoking. We are pleased to support this bill and thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,



Jamie Morgan  
Senior Director of Advocacy and Policy Campaigns

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<sup>i</sup> United States Surgeon General. 2006. *The Health Consequences of Involuntary Smoking*. United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. United States Government Printing Office, Washington D.C. Executive Summary.

<sup>ii</sup> Secondhand Smoke Causes Cardiovascular Disease. Health Effects of Secondhand Smoke. U.S. Department of Health and Social Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. [http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/data\\_statistics/fact\\_sheets/secondhand\\_smoke/health\\_effects/index.htm#heart](http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/data_statistics/fact_sheets/secondhand_smoke/health_effects/index.htm#heart)

<sup>iii</sup> Kato, T., et al., Short-term passive smoking causes endothelial dysfunction via oxidative stress in non-smokers, *Canadian Journal of Physiology and Pharmacology*, 2006 May; 84(5):523-9.

<sup>iv</sup> Heiss, C., et al., Brief Secondhand Smoke Exposure Depresses Endothelial Progenitor Cells Activity and Endothelial Function: Sustained Vascular Injury and Blunted Nitric Oxide Production, *Journal of the American College of Cardiology*, 51:1760-177, May 6, 2008.

<sup>v</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Reduced hospitalizations for acute myocardial infarction after implementation of a smoke-free ordinance – city of Pueblo, Colorado, 2002-2006. *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*. January 2, 2009. 57(51&52).

<sup>vi</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Fact Sheet: Smokefree Policies Improve Health. [http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/data\\_statistics/fact\\_sheets/secondhand\\_smoke/protection/improve\\_health/](http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/data_statistics/fact_sheets/secondhand_smoke/protection/improve_health/)

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Forth year and I don't understand why you don't put fellow Alaskans health first! They work hard to make a living in harsh conditions. Second hand smoke kills. Don't fool yourselves the trickle down affect helps MANY. My husband and I cannot be around smoke Think SMOKE FREE not yourselves.

February 24, 2017

RE: American Lung Association support of SB63

Dear Members of the Alaska Legislature,

In a historic 2006 report, the U.S. Surgeon General made it clear that there is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke, it is a known cause of lung cancer, and even short-term exposure potentially can increase the risk of heart attacks. He further concluded that secondhand smoke causes premature death and disease in children and in adults who do not smoke, and that eliminating smoking in indoor spaces fully protects nonsmokers from exposure to secondhand smoke. Separating smokers from nonsmokers, cleaning the air, and ventilating buildings cannot eliminate exposures of nonsmokers to secondhand smoke.

Secondhand smoke is especially dangerous and makes it harder to breathe for people living with chronic lung disease, such as asthma or COPD. There are over 100,000 Alaskans for whom that is true.

Additionally, being employed in a workplace where smoking is prohibited is associated with a reduction in the number of cigarettes smoked per day and an increase in the success rate of smokers who are attempting to quit.

Therefore, American Lung Association promotes the elimination of smoking in workplaces and public places including e-cigarettes and marijuana, and supports SB63 as a comprehensive statewide smokefree indoor workplace law.

Yours in Lung Health,



Marge Stoneking  
Executive Director

## Jody Simpson

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**From:** American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of Jim Farrell <ican@acscan.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 01, 2017 10:37 AM  
**To:** Sen. David Wilson  
**Subject:** Please vote YES on SB63 Smoke-Free Workplaces

Mar 1, 2017

State Senator David Wilson  
State Capitol, Room 115  
120 Fourth Street  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear State Senator Wilson,

I understand that Senate Bill 63, the smoke-free workplaces bill, will be heard by your committee this afternoon. I urge you to pass this critical piece of legislation quickly to protect the health of Alaska's workers.

Currently, about half of Alaska's residents are protected from the harmful effects of secondhand smoke through local smoke-free laws. Because many boroughs lack the authority necessary to pass a law on their own, the only way to achieve that protection is through a statewide smoke-free law.

Everyone is free to make their own choices. But, when it comes to toxic secondhand smoke in the workplace, whether it's tobacco smoke or e-cigarette aerosol, taking it outside just makes sense. Secondhand smoke exposure is known to cause cancer, heart disease, lung disease and other health issues. No one should have to choose between a paycheck and their health.

Thank you for your time and consideration in moving the bill forward. I hope I can count on you to vote YES on SB63, for the sake of Alaska's workers, residents and visitors.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jim Farrell  
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Fairbanks, AK 99701-5023  
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## Jody Simpson

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**From:** American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of Steven Cook <ican@acscan.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 01, 2017 10:36 AM  
**To:** Sen. David Wilson  
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Sincerely,

Mr. Steven Cook  
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Eagle River, AK 99577-8661  
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## Jody Simpson

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**From:** American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of Gertrude Valenza <ican@acscan.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 01, 2017 10:06 AM  
**To:** Sen. David Wilson  
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Sincerely,

Mrs. Gertrude Valenza  
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## Jody Simpson

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**From:** American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of Larry Rundquist <ican@acscan.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 01, 2017 9:38 AM  
**To:** Sen. David Wilson  
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The benefits of a smoke-free workplace are proven. Listen to the representatives from AARP who will be in Juneau today supporting this piece of legislation,

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Sincerely,

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## Jody Simpson

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**From:** American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of  
Melissa Mudd <ican@acscan.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 01, 2017 9:36 AM  
**To:** Sen. David Wilson  
**Subject:** Please vote YES on SB63 Smoke-Free Workplaces

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Mar 1, 2017

State Senator David Wilson  
State Capitol, Room 115  
120 Fourth Street  
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Thank you for your time and consideration in moving the bill forward. I hope I can count on you to vote YES on SB63, for the sake of Alaska's workers, residents and visitors.

Sincerely,

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**From:** American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of Jenny Olendorff <ican@acscan.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 01, 2017 11:06 AM  
**To:** Sen. David Wilson  
**Subject:** Please vote YES on SB63 Smoke-Free Workplaces

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**From:** POMS@akleg.gov  
**To:** [Rachel Hanke](#)  
**Subject:** New Pom:SB 63 Regulation Of Smoking  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 01, 2017 4:06:29 PM

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Sarah Miles  
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3016 B Raven Circle  
Kodiak 99615-2607,  
s.miles90@hotmail.com  
907-942-4199

Employee discomfort and illness from second hand smoke would decrease. Pass SB 63.

**From:** POMS@akleg.gov  
**To:** [Rachel Hanke](#)  
**Subject:** New Pom:SB 63 Regulation Of Smoking  
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Alyssa Madrid  
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Smoke-free workplaces will not allow second hand smoke to be exposed to those who don't want to breathe the toxins of tobacco.

**From:** POMS@akleg.gov  
**To:** [Rachel Hanke](#)  
**Subject:** New Pom:SB 63 Regulation Of Smoking  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 01, 2017 4:03:21 PM

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Joseph Mcfarlin  
3240 Sean Circle

Kodiak 99615,

People who go out in public cannot consent to breathing in the air of the second hand smoker. Please pass SB 63.

**From:** POMS@akleg.gov  
**To:** [Rachel Hanke](#)  
**Subject:** New Pom:SB 63 Regulation Of Smoking  
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Angela Madrid  
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I would love to see the day that I can bring my children out in public without exposing them to second and third hand smoke.

**From:** POMS@akleg.gov  
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Amanda Miles  
Po Box 2607

Kodiak 99615-2607,

I support smoke-free work places to encourage healthier lifestyles. Also, smoke free restaurants are more inviting to nonsmokers.

**From:** POMS@akleg.gov  
**To:** [Rachel Hanke](#)  
**Subject:** New Pom:SB 63 Regulation Of Smoking  
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Julianne Szidloski  
Hc 60 Box 4499

Delta Junction 99737,  
jszidloski@hotmail.com

Non-smokers needs to be considered!

**From:** POMS@akleg.gov  
**To:** [Rachel Hanke](#)  
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Heidi Mintun  
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895-1092

Please consider EVERYONE'S health.

**From:** POMS@akleg.gov  
**To:** [Rachel Hanke](#)  
**Subject:** New Pom:SB 63 Regulation Of Smoking  
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Wayne Crowson  
Po Box 231

Delta Junction 99737-0231,

9073478741

One does not need to watch alot of television or read alot of newspapers to know the leading cause of health problems is secondhand smoke. This bill is important to the state of Alaska and should be passed This the 4th year it's been before the Legislature Please pass this bill

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**To:** [Rachel Hanke](#)  
**Subject:** New Pom:SB 63 Regulation Of Smoking  
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Terri Crowson  
Po Box 231

Delta Junction 99737-0231,

Our state and national bill for health care is huge and continues to increase. One thing YOU can do to knock it down is to pass this bill and eliminate a lot of forced exposure to secondhand smoke for many workers. You can save dollars and prevent human suffering. ACT!

**From:** POMS@akleg.gov  
**To:** [Rachel Hanke](#)  
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**Date:** Wednesday, March 01, 2017 12:58:06 PM

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Barbara Mclean  
Po Box 329

Delta Junction 99737-0329,

We ALL have rights but isn't it a wonderful thing when friends and family co-workers ect can meet eat drink and celebrate events in a smoke free environment? TOGETHER! As we age smoke only compounds health issues. With all up-to-date knowledge maybe the next generations can be healthier and HAPPY!

**From:** American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network  
**To:** [Sen. Peter Micciche](#)  
**Subject:** Please vote YES on SB63 Smoke-Free Workplaces  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 01, 2017 12:06:53 PM

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Sincerely,

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Please proceed to pass this legislation and protect the Health of Alaskans.

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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**To:** [Sen. Peter Micciche](#)  
**Subject:** Please vote YES on SB63 Smoke-Free Workplaces  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 01, 2017 10:06:41 AM

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Everyone is free to make their own choices when it does not infringe on the health and well being of others and society as a whole. When it comes to toxic secondhand smoke in the workplace, whether it's tobacco smoke or e-cigarette aerosol, taking it outside just makes sense. Secondhand smoke exposure is known to cause cancer, heart disease, lung disease and other health issues. No one should have to choose between a paycheck and their health.

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Sincerely,

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**To:** [Sen. Peter Micciche](#)  
**Subject:** Please vote YES on SB63 Smoke-Free Workplaces  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 01, 2017 10:06:13 AM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network  
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Sincerely,

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**To:** [Sen. Peter Micciche](#)  
**Subject:** Please vote YES on SB63 Smoke-Free Workplaces  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 01, 2017 9:37:02 AM

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The benefits of a smoke-free workplace are proven. Listen to the representatives from AARP who will be in Juneau today supporting this piece of legislation,

Thank you for your time and consideration in moving the bill forward. I hope I can count on you to vote YES on SB63, for the sake of Alaska's workers, residents and visitors.

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** Please vote YES on SB63 Smoke-Free Workplaces  
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Thank you for your dedication and passion to serve.

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As a cancer survivor, and someone with Asthma caused from second hand smoke, i feel it is vital for all Alaskans to have protections in place to low them the right to breathe clean air.

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