

**SB**

**209**

<TARGET><BILL>SB 209</BILL><SUBJECT>SB  
209</SUBJECT><COMM>SFIN28</COMM></TARGET>

## SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 4/9/14

FURTHER:

DATE TURNED  
IN TO OFFICE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Finance Committee** considered SENATE BILL NO. 209

### SB 209-REGULATION OF SMOKING

"An Act prohibiting smoking in certain locations; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends:

be replaced with CS SB 209 (HSS) [ ] Same Title  New Title

[ ] adopt previous CS \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_) [ ] Same Title [ ] New Title

[ ] attached amendment(s)

[ ] adopt \_\_\_\_\_ Letter of Intent

[ ] further referral to \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

Dept Abbr.	
ADM	LWF
CED	LAW
COR	LEG
CRT	MVA
EED	DNR
DEC	DPS
DFG	REV
GOV	DOT
DHS	UA

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S)				
Dept.	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN #
DHS		✓		

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S)				
Dept.	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN #
DOT	✓			1
DOT	✓			2
DOT	✓			3
DOT	✓			4
ADM			✓	5
DEC			✓	7

[ ] APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	PRINTED LAST NAME	Do PASS	Do NOT PASS	No REC	AMEND
	HOFFMAN	✓			
	DUNLEAVY		✓		
Anna Fairclough	FAIRCLOUGH				✓
Cliff Bishop	BISHOP				✓
	OLSON			✓	
CO-CHAIR:	Kelly			✓	
CO-CHAIR:	Meyer	✓			

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2014 Legislative Session

Bill Version: CSSB 209(HSS)  
Fiscal Note Number: 8  
(S) Publish Date: 4/14/14

Identifier: SB209CS(HSS)-DHSS-CO-04-10-14  
Title: REGULATION OF SMOKING  
Sponsor: MICCICHE  
Requester: Senate Finance Committee

Department: Department of Health and Social Services  
Appropriation: Departmental Support Services  
Allocation: Commissioner's Office  
OMB Component Number: 317

**Expenditures/Revenues**

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2015 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2015 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
			FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>
Personal Services	***		***	***	***	***	***
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
<b>Total Operating</b>	***	0.0	***	***	***	***	***

**Fund Source (Operating Only)**

None							
<b>Total</b>	***	0.0	***	***	***	***	***

**Positions**

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

<b>Change in Revenues</b>							
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**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2014) cost:** 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)  
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2015) cost:** 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)  
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

**ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS**

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? Yes  
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 10/01/15

**Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:**

Amended to conform to minor changes introduced by version "Y." Additionally, committee deliberation on SB 209 has clarified that the Department's role in enforcing and implementing the statewide smoking prohibition is to provide education and respond to complaints. This information further allows the Department to understand the impacts and opportunities to minimize the costs of implementation. However, DHSS costs remain indeterminate.

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Agency:	Health & Social Services		

## FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS #8

STATE OF ALASKA  
2014 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. CSSB 209(HSS)

### Analysis

SB209 repeals Article 3 and adds a new Article 4 (Regulation of Smoking in Public), which designates the Commissioner of the Department of Health and Social Services as responsible to implement and enforce a statewide smoking prohibition in enclosed public spaces, public transportation vehicles and facilities, places of employment, government owned or operated places, buildings or residences used to provide paid child care, health care facilities, vehicles that are places of employment, and certain marine vessels. Also included are school grounds or public parks for children, outdoor arena seating, and areas within certain distances from entrances, open windows, and air intake vents of places where smoking is prohibited. The bill also provides for allowable smoking at certain places. The bill allows the Commissioner to delegate to other agencies any of the responsibilities to enforce the bill's provisions. DEC is currently responsible for enforcing Article 3. Repeal of Article 3 may have the effect of reducing base costs for DEC, while addition of Article 4 allows for DHSS's delegation of enforcement.

The bill requires the Commissioner to adopt regulations for filing, processing, and investigating reports of violations of the smoking prohibition, which may include filing complaints and issuing citations. Regulations adopted by the Commissioner can create a series of notices, warnings and other interventions in order to minimize costs prior to investigations and sanctions. Local grantees could provide contact to alleged violators in order to provide education about the law, and local law enforcement would be utilized to issue citations. In alignment with legislative intent, a complaint-driven response, rather than active enforcement, would be provided, and we assume that current grantees and contractors will refocus their efforts to the implementation related to this statewide smoking prohibition, possibly at the expense of current educational efforts.

The bill also subjects a person who is in charge of a place where smoking is prohibited to a requirement to display specific signage (provided by the department, when requested) and a prohibition from providing ashtrays. It is not known how many signs will need to be produced and provided by the Department.

The department would provide educational materials and printable brochures regarding the prohibition of smoking. Under section 18.36.356, the Division of Public Health's Tobacco Prevention and Control Program would be responsible for developing public education materials and educating business owners and the public on the specifics of the law, including a website. Signage for all locations would be produced electronically and available from the website. Operation of a call-line would allow individuals to contact the department for educational or enforcement purposes. The public education work could be done with existing resources through an existing grant program in combination with ongoing comprehensive tobacco prevention and control efforts across the state.

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2014 Legislative Session

Bill Version: CSSB 209(STA)  
Fiscal Note Number: 7  
(S) Publish Date: 4/4/14

Identifier: SB209-DEC-FSS-03-28-14  
Title: REGULATION OF SMOKING  
Sponsor: MICCICHE  
Requester: Senate State Affairs Committee

Department: Department of Environmental Conservation  
Appropriation: Environmental Health  
Allocation: Food Safety & Sanitation  
OMB Component Number: 2343

### Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2015	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2015 Request	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>					
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

### Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

### Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

<b>Change in Revenues</b>							
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**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2014) cost:** 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)  
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2015) cost:** 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)  
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

### ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? **No**  
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

### Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Not applicable, initial version.

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Agency:	<u>Department of Environmental Conservation</u>		

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS #7

STATE OF ALASKA  
2014 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. CSSB 209(STA)

**Analysis**

**Analysis/Assumptions:**

This legislation transfers the administration and enforcement authority out of the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and into the Department of Health & Social Services (HSS). Current enforcement activities are limited to ensuring that facilities are compliant during routine inspections, so there are no cost savings to DEC by transferring enforcement authority to HSS.

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2014 Legislative Session

Bill Version: CSSB 209(STA)  
Fiscal Note Number: 5  
(S) Publish Date: 4/4/14

Identifier: SB209-DOA-PUR-03-21-14  
Title: REGULATION OF SMOKING  
Sponsor: MICCICHE  
Requester: Senate State Affairs

Department: Department of Administration  
Appropriation: General Services  
Allocation: Purchasing  
OMB Component Number: 60

**Expenditures/Revenues**

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2015 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2015 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Services								
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Fund Source (Operating Only)**

None								
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Positions**

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

<b>Change in Revenues</b>								
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**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2014) cost:** 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*  
*(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)*

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2015) cost:** 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*  
*(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)*

**ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS**

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? no  
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

**Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:**

Not applicable, initial version
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Agency:	Division of General Services		

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS #5

STATE OF ALASKA  
2014 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. CSSB 209(STA)

**Analysis**

HB360 requires no smoking signs be posted in public buildings and public transportation vehicles.

The impact to the Division of General Services will be minimal and therefore submits a zero fiscal note.

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2014 Legislative Session

Bill Version: CSSB 209(STA)  
Fiscal Note Number: 4  
(S) Publish Date: 4/4/14

Identifier: SB209-DOT-IASO-3-27-14  
Title: REGULATION OF SMOKING  
Sponsor: MICCICHE  
Requester: Senate State Affairs

Department: Department of Transportation and Public Facilities  
Appropriation: International Airports  
Allocation: International Airport Systems Office  
OMB Component Number: 1649

**Expenditures/Revenues**

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2015 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2015 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY 2015	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Services								
Commodities	32.3		3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>32.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>3.2</b>

**Fund Source (Operating Only)**

1027 IntAirport	32.3		3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>32.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>3.2</b>

**Positions**

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

<b>Change in Revenues</b>								
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**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2014) cost:** 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)  
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2015) cost:** 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)  
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

**ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS**

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No  
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

**Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:**

Initial version.
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Date: 03/28/14

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS #4

STATE OF ALASKA  
2014 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. CSSB 209(STA)

**Analysis**

This legislation would ban smoking on Fairbanks International Airport and on Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport property to include buildings and outdoor spaces. The legislation specifically states "airports" which does not distinguish between the airport terminal and outdoor space.

Title 17 currently prohibits smoking within 50 ft of an aircraft on airport property. The international airports follow municipal codes prohibiting smoking in public buildings and displays signage and has periodic public address system announcements in the terminals.

Currently smokers are provided with a designated outside smoking area adjacent to the terminals but away from any building entrances. A smoking room equipped with ventilation is provided in the North Terminal of the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport for passengers that deplane and cannot leave the terminal secure area before re-boarding their through-flight (some international flights and military charters).

With the passage of this legislation, the airport will be required to discontinue providing smokers a designated outdoor smoking area, discontinue the use of the North Terminal smoking room, remove current no-smoking signage and replace with new signs at the terminal and numerous other state managed buildings and display signs outdoors in highly visible locations.

Total 150 stand-alone 18" x 24" signs (\$215/sign and post)

Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport	100 signs	\$21.5
Fairbanks International Airport	50 signs	\$10.8
Total one time cost	150 signs	\$32.3
Cost per year to replace stolen/damage/worn signs	15 signs	\$3.2

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2014 Legislative Session

Bill Version: CSSB 209(STA)  
Fiscal Note Number: 3  
(S) Publish Date: 4/4/14

Identifier: SB209-DOT-MVO-3-27-14  
Title: REGULATION OF SMOKING  
Sponsor: MICCICHE  
Requester: Senate State Affairs Committee

Department: Department of Transportation and Public Facilities  
Appropriation: Marine Highway System  
Allocation: Marine Vessel Operations  
OMB Component Number: 2604

**Expenditures/Revenues**

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2015 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2015 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Services								
Commodities	7.3		1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>

**Fund Source (Operating Only)**

1004 Gen Fund	7.3		1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>

**Positions**

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

<b>Change in Revenues</b>							
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**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2014) cost:** 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*  
*(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)*

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2015) cost:** 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*  
*(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)*

**ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS**

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No.  
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

**Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:**

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Agency:	Department of Transportation and Public Facilities		

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS #3

STATE OF ALASKA  
2014 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. CSSB 209(STA)

**Analysis**

This bill would ban smoking onboard the Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) ferries. The legislation does not distinguish between indoor and outdoor spaces on the vessels, however the AMHS currently prohibits smoking inside of the vessel.

Currently outdoor smoking is prohibited in certain proximity to places such as doorways, windows and vents, but with the passage of this legislation even outdoor smoking will be prohibited.

With the passage of this legislation, the AMHS will be required to post signs at terminals and loading ramps as well as onboard the 11 vessels of the fleet. Current no-smoking signs will have to be replaced with new signs citing the increased fine.

26 stand-alone 18" x 24" signs at terminals and loading ramps	\$5.6
66 (6 per vessel) 12" x 12" signs onboard	\$1.7
Total one time cost	\$7.3
Cost per year to replace stolen/damage/worn signs	\$1.0

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2014 Legislative Session

Bill Version: CSSB 209(STA)  
Fiscal Note Number: 2  
(S) Publish Date: 4/4/14

Identifier: SB209-DOT-SEF-3-27-14  
Title: REGULATION OF SMOKING  
Sponsor: MICCICHE  
Requester: Senate State Affairs Committee

Department: Department of Transportation and Public Facilities  
Appropriation: State Equipment Fleet  
Allocation: State Equipment Fleet  
OMB Component Number: 2791

**Expenditures/Revenues**

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2015 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2015 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
			FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities	1.5		1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>

**Fund Source (Operating Only)**

1026 HwyCapital	1.5		1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>

**Positions**

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

<b>Change in Revenues</b>							
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**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2014) cost:** 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)  
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2015) cost:** 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)  
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

**ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS**

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No  
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

**Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:**

Initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS #2

STATE OF ALASKA  
2014 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. CSSB 209(STA)

**Analysis**

This legislation would ban smoking in state-owned vehicles under (a)(4) - other enclosed area in a place of employment.

5653 vehicles in the state equipment fleet

\$1.5 for decals for entire state equipment fleet vehicles

This fiscal note assumes that the decals would need to be replaced annually.

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2014 Legislative Session

Bill Version: CSSB 209(STA)  
Fiscal Note Number: 1  
(S) Publish Date: 4/4/14

Identifier: SB209-DOT-TMS-3-28-14  
Title: REGULATION OF SMOKING  
Sponsor: MICCICHE  
Requester: Senate State Affairs Committee

Department: Department of Transportation and Public Facilities  
Appropriation: Administration and Support  
Allocation: Transportation Management and Security  
OMB Component Number: 2607

**Expenditures/Revenues**

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2015	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2015 Request	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>					
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services	92.5		9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3
Commodities	29.3		2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>121.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>12.2</b>

**Fund Source (Operating Only)**

1004 Gen Fund	121.8		12.2	12.2	12.2	12.2	12.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>121.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>12.2</b>

**Positions**

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

<b>Change in Revenues</b>							
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**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2014) cost:** 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*  
*(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)*

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2015) cost:** 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*  
*(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)*

**ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS**

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? **No**  
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

**Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:**

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Agency:	Department of Transportation and Public Facilities		

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS #1

STATE OF ALASKA  
2014 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. CSSB 209(STA)

Analysis

This legislation would ban smoking on all State of Alaska rural airport property. The bill specifies no smoking at "airports" and does not distinguish between airport terminals and outdoor areas. Signage would be necessary at all 254 state-owned airports to notify anyone entering airport property that smoking is not allowed.

Total 349 stand-alone 6" x 20" signs (\$349/sign, includes post, installation & shipping )

Northern Region Highways & Aviation	159 signs	\$55.5
Central Region Highways & Aviation	140 signs	\$48.9
Southeast Region Highways & Aviation	50 signs	\$17.4
Total one time cost	349 signs	\$121.8
Cost per year to replace stolen/damage/worn signs	35 signs	\$12.2

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### CS SB 209 (HSS) Sponsor Statement

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*Seldovia*

*Soldotna*

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### REGULATION OF SMOKING

Senate Bill 209 will protect working Alaskans from the adverse health effects of secondhand smoke through comprehensive protection in businesses and public places. As a conservative Alaskan, I support a philosophy of limiting the role of government in our daily lives. I process each legislative decision through a litmus test of whether the result falls under an appropriate role of government. In this case, we feel that public health and safety remains at a documented level of high risk requiring the protection of Alaska's workers from the effects of secondhand smoke as an appropriate governmental responsibility. Similar comparisons include speed limits, motor vehicle design safety, electrical codes, pipeline safety laws and agency responsibilities ensuring industrial employee safety regulations.

Current law prohibits smoking in the workplace in many areas of the state, as well as in healthcare facilities, schools, childcare facilities and public meeting rooms in government buildings. Over one-half of the population of Alaska including cities such as Bethel, Anchorage, Juneau, Barrow, Dillingham, Haines, Skagway, Petersburg, Klawock, Nome, Unalaska, and Palmer are currently living under a similar law to Senate Bill 209. However, Alaska's remaining population centers do not have jurisdiction to enact smoke-free laws in second-class boroughs, such as the Fairbanks North-Star Borough, the Mat-Su Borough and the Kenai Peninsula Borough. In addition, Alaskans residing in unorganized areas are also not currently protected and legislative action is required for the option to be made available. SB 209 provides protection for employees in the remaining areas not covered through other existing code.

SB 209 is based on existing laws in many states, as well as Anchorage, Juneau and Palmer, which are well established and well regarded by citizens and businesses. The bill does not prohibit outdoor smoking, except within certain specific areas near building entrances/exits, air intakes, and other specifically designated public gathering places as defined in the statute. The bill does not legislate hiring or employment of smokers or non-smokers. Employers and businesses can still elect to have smoke-free/tobacco-free properties such as smoke-free hospital campuses.

The committee substitute provided is in response to discussions that have already taken place with Alaskans interested in protecting local control and providing common-sense

exclusions. Local governments with adequate jurisdiction retain the authority to adopt more restrictive local provisions than the statewide law (e.g., provisions specific to locally popular public gathering places or events). Local governments also retain the option to "opt out" of the statute through a local election. Free-standing tobacco shops and e-cigarette are excluded from the bill.

Why is a conservative willing to take on this issue? Although not a simple decision the value is clear. We continue to lose many Alaskans to diseases associated with the adverse effects of second hand smoke. Many Alaskan families, including mine, continue to be adversely affected. My children prematurely lost their grandfather and I lost my father in November of last year. I miss him every day. My siblings suffer from the early childhood effects of second-hand smoke. Some of my motivation is personal, the remainder is due to my care for the health of innocent Alaskans that choose not to smoke. As a fiscal conservative, I also remain deeply concerned with the cost to the State of illnesses associated with the effects of second hand smoke.

This bill does not remove the right of the smoker to choose to smoke. They remain free to choose their individual path as my father chose. What the bill accomplishes is a limit to the smokers' ability to adversely affect the health of Alaska's non-smoking employees.








Four hundred Alaskan businesses and organizations, representing all regions of the state, have already signed on in support of a statewide smoke-free workplace law. I believe it is time through SB 209 to have the discussion and I urge fellow members to support the bill.










Green = Comprehensive smoke-free workplaces ordinances in place




Yellow = Sitka has an exemption for bars in stand-alone buildings, but all other workplaces are covered

Orange = Boroughs without the authority to pass smoke-free workplace ordinances on the local level due to lack of health powers

Gray = Legal analysis not conducted, but likely in the same category as the orange-shaded boroughs with inadequate health powers to enact smoke-free

<u>Borough</u>	<u>Borough seat</u>	Class	Population	Area	Map
<u>Aleutians East Borough</u>	<u>Sand Point</u>	Second	3,141	6,988 sq mi (18,099 km <sup>2</sup> )	
<u>Anchorage</u>	<i>(Consolidated city-borough)</i>	Unified Home Rule	291,826	1,697 sq mi (4,395 km <sup>2</sup> )	
<u>Bristol Bay Borough</u>	<u>Naknek</u>	Second	997	505 sq mi (1,308 km <sup>2</sup> )	
<u>Denali Borough</u>	<u>Healy</u>	Home Rule	1,826	12,750 sq mi (33,022 km <sup>2</sup> )	
<u>Fairbanks North Star Borough</u>	<u>Fairbanks</u>	Second	97,581	7,366 sq mi (19,078 km <sup>2</sup> )	
<u>Haines Borough</u>	<i>(Consolidated city-borough)</i>	Home Rule	2,508	2,344 sq mi (6,071 km <sup>2</sup> )	
<u>Juneau</u>	<i>(Consolidated city-borough)</i>	Unified Home Rule	31,275	2,716 sq mi (7,034 km <sup>2</sup> )	

<u>Borough</u>	<u>Borough seat</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Map</u>
<u>Kenai Peninsula Borough</u>	<u>Soldotna</u>	Second	55,400	16,013 sq mi (41,473 km <sup>2</sup> )	
<u>Ketchikan Gateway Borough</u>	<u>Ketchikan</u>	Second	13,477	4,840 sq mi (12,536 km <sup>2</sup> )	
<u>Kodiak Island Borough</u>	<u>Kodiak</u>	Second	13,592	6,560 sq mi (16,990 km <sup>2</sup> )	
<u>Lake and Peninsula Borough</u>	<u>King Salmon</u>	Home Rule	1,631	23,782 sq mi (61,595 km <sup>2</sup> )	
<u>Matanuska-Susitna Borough</u>	<u>Palmer</u>	Second	88,995	24,682 sq mi (63,926 km <sup>2</sup> )	
<u>North Slope Borough</u>	<u>Barrow</u>	Home Rule	9,430	88,817 sq mi (230,035 km <sup>2</sup> )	
<u>Northwest Arctic Borough</u>	<u>Kotzebue</u>	Home Rule	7,523	35,898 sq mi (92,975 km <sup>2</sup> )	
<u>Sitka</u>	<i>(Consolidated city-borough)</i>	Unified Home Rule	8,881	2,874 sq mi (7,444 km <sup>2</sup> )	
<u>Skagway</u>	-	First	968	452 sq mi (1,171 km <sup>2</sup> )	

<u>Borough</u>	<u>Borough seat</u>	Class	Population	Area	Map
<u>Unorganized Borough</u>	-	-	78,149	323,440 sq mi (837,706 km <sup>2</sup> )	
<u>Wrangell</u>	<i>(Consolidated city-borough)</i>	Unified Home Rule	2,369	2,570 sq mi (6,656 km <sup>2</sup> )	
<u>Yakutat</u>	<i>(Consolidated city-borough)</i>	Home Rule	662	7,650 sq mi (19,813 km <sup>2</sup> )	



# The Health and Economic Benefits of Making Alaska Smoke-Free

*Making all Alaska workplaces, restaurants, and bars 100% smoke-free would prevent about 1,900 youth from becoming smokers, and within five years, save an estimated \$5.04 million in lung cancer, heart attack, and stroke costs.*

**According to the Surgeon General, the science is clear: There is no safe level of exposure to second-hand smoke.** Just as tobacco smoke causes lung cancer, heart attacks, strokes, and other preventable diseases in smokers, secondhand smoke causes disease and death in non-smokers, as well. Smoke-free laws not only decrease exposure to tobacco smoke and the resulting disease and death, they also decrease the number of youth who start smoking, increase the number of smokers who quit, and cut health care costs for smokers and non-smokers alike.

Alaska is one of only 15 states that currently has no law prohibiting smoking in all workplaces or restaurants or bars. Making all workplaces, restaurants, and bars in the state 100% smoke-free is the **only** way to protect all Alaska residents from the dangers of secondhand smoke.

## **SAVING LIVES**

Making all Alaska workplaces, restaurants, and bars 100% smoke-free would be expected to provide the following reductions in the number of smokers and the number of deaths caused by smoking or exposure to tobacco smoke:\*

Adults Who Would Quit Smoking	Youth Who Would Never Start Smoking	Reduction in Smoking-Related Deaths	Reduction in Deaths of Non-Smokers
4,500	1,900	2,800	300

## **SAVING MONEY**

In addition to saving lives, making Alaska smoke-free would cut health care costs for both smokers and non-smokers. Over five years, a comprehensive smoke-free law covering all Alaska workplaces, restaurants, and bars would be expected to produce the following economic benefits:\*

Lung Cancer Treatment Savings	Heart Attack and Stroke Treatment Savings	State's Medicaid Program Savings	Smoking-Related Pregnancy Treatment Savings
\$1.35M	\$3.69M	\$520,000	\$980,000

\*Estimates are based on analysis performed on behalf of the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network. Totals in charts have been rounded.





# Alaska Smoke-Free Indoor Workplaces

Only half of Alaska's population is covered by a current smoke-free workplace law. A statewide smoke-free indoor workplaces law would update existing Alaska state law to provide comprehensive protection from secondhand smoke for employees and customers in all enclosed workplaces and places of public accommodation.

This law would prohibit smoking in all indoor workplaces, businesses and public spaces. It would require that those who choose to smoke "take it outside" in order to better protect the health and safety of all workers, patrons and visitors from the disease and premature death caused by secondhand smoke. No one should have to choose between their health and a good job. Due to limitations in local authority, it is time for a statewide law.

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.

## Everyone has the right to breathe smoke-free air.

### Smoke-Free Laws Save Lives

There is conclusive scientific evidence that secondhand smoke causes heart disease.

- Studies of at least 10 communities published in peer-reviewed journals have proven a decrease in heart attack incidence after the implementation of smoke-free laws.<sup>2</sup>
- Helena, MT enjoyed a 40% decrease in heart attacks among Helena residents while smoke-free laws were in place.<sup>2</sup>
- Heart attack hospitalizations fell by 41% in Pueblo, CO after a comprehensive smoke-free law was enacted. This decrease was sustained over a three-year-period.<sup>2</sup>

### Anchorage Experiences

#### Smoke-Free Laws Benefit Businesses

Using employment data on Anchorage bars from 2001 to 2010, a report commissioned by the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services Tobacco Prevention and Control Program (2011) found:

Bar employment within the Municipality was 10% higher than it would have been if the smoke-free law had not been implemented.

The Institute of Social and Economic Research interviewed representatives of 50 full-service restaurants and bars in Anchorage on their perceptions of the impact of the smoke free indoor ordinance.

- 76% of restaurant and bars reported very positive or somewhat positive feedback from customers and employees.
- A total of 96% (48/50) of surveyed full-service restaurant and bar representatives identified at least one benefit from the passage of the smoke-free ordinances in Anchorage.
- Most respondents identified a cleaner environment, increased customer and employee satisfaction, improved employee health, more new customers, and lower maintenance costs as benefits of a smoke-free Anchorage.



## Alaskans strongly support smoke-free indoor workplaces.

- 4 in 5 Alaska adults support smoke-free workplaces.<sup>4</sup>
- Support for smoke-free indoor workplaces includes a strong majority of current smokers (59%) as well as former smokers (80%).<sup>4</sup>
- Alaskan support for smoke-free indoor workplaces is high throughout all regions of the state, ranging from 75% to 84%.<sup>4</sup>



## The Need for Legislation

- Secondhand smoke is a major cause of needless, preventable death, causing or worsening a wide range of adverse health effects, including lung cancer, heart disease, respiratory infections, and asthma. Most significantly, it has been shown that even brief exposure can be dangerous.<sup>1</sup>
- Non-smokers exposed to secondhand smoke increase their risk of heart disease and lung cancer by up to 30 percent.<sup>1</sup>
- The U.S. Surgeon General's Report, "The Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke," (2006) concluded that there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke; ventilation and other air cleaning technologies cannot eliminate exposure of nonsmokers to secondhand smoke; and that comprehensive smoke-free workplace policies are the only effective way to eliminate secondhand smoke exposure in the workplace<sup>1</sup>
- Published research in communities before and after adoption of comprehensive smoke-free workplace laws has documented a significant decline in heart disease-related hospital admissions.<sup>2</sup>

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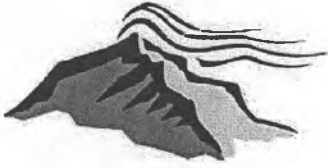
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**Our Vision: A Tobacco-Free Alaska**

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March 24, 2014

Members of the House Health and Social Services Committee  
Attn: Rep. Higgins, Chair  
Alaska State Legislature

Dear Rep. Higgins and members of the committee:

Since 1991, the Alaska Tobacco Control Alliance (ATCA) has advocated for policies protecting people from the harmful effects of tobacco use and secondhand smoke. As such, we are excited to see that our legislators recognize that **all workers deserve the right to breathe smokefree air.**

We are relieved that e-cigarettes are included in this discussion, as research shows that e-cigarettes do not just emit "harmless water vapor". Specifically, we know that exhaled secondhand aerosol is made up of ultrafine particles with levels higher than in conventional tobacco cigarette smoke and that exposure to these particles are risk factors for asthma and artery constriction leading to heart attacks. For these reasons, national health advocates including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention consider it a best practice to include e-cigarettes in all comprehensive smokefree workplace policies.

For these reasons, across the country, municipalities and states are including e-cigarettes in policies that prohibit their use in smokefree environments. In addition, one cannot tell by looking at an e-cigarette what the e-cartridge contains. There are known instances where e-cigarettes are used as illegal drug delivery devices containing liquid marijuana and heroin.

Thank you for your commitment to the health of all Alaskans.

Sincerely,

Betty MacTavish, co-chair  
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# Notes from the Field: Electronic Cigarette Use Among Middle and High School Students – United States, 2011–2012

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Electronic cigarettes, or e-cigarettes, are battery-powered devices that provide doses of nicotine and other additives to the user in an aerosol. Depending on the brand, e-cigarette cartridges typically contain nicotine, a component to produce the aerosol (e.g., propylene glycol or glycerol), and flavorings (e.g., fruit, mint, or chocolate) (1). Potentially harmful constituents also have been documented in some e-cigarette cartridges, including irritants, genotoxins, and animal carcinogens (1). E-cigarettes that are not marketed for therapeutic purposes are currently unregulated by the Food and Drug Administration, and in most states there are no restrictions on the sale of e-cigarettes to minors. Use of e-cigarettes has increased among U.S. adult current and former smokers in recent years (2); however, the extent of use among youths is uncertain.

Data from the 2011 and 2012 National Youth Tobacco Survey (NYTS), a school-based, pencil-and-paper questionnaire given to U.S. middle school (grades 6–8) and high school (grades 9–12) students, were used to estimate the prevalence of ever and current ( $\geq 1$  day in the past 30 days) use of e-cigarettes, ever and current ( $\geq 1$  day in the past 30 days) use of conventional cigarettes, and use of both. NYTS consists of a cross-sectional, nationally representative sample of students in grades 6–12 from all 50 states and the District of Columbia (3).

During 2011–2012, among all students in grades 6–12, ever e-cigarette use increased from 3.3% to 6.8% ( $p < 0.05$ ) (Figure); current e-cigarette use increased from 1.1% to 2.1% ( $p < 0.05$ ), and current use of both e-cigarettes and conventional cigarettes increased from 0.8% to 1.6% ( $p < 0.05$ ). In 2012, among ever e-cigarette users, 9.3% reported never smoking conventional cigarettes; among current e-cigarette users, 76.3% reported current conventional cigarette smoking.

Among middle school students, ever e-cigarette use increased from 1.4% to 2.7% during 2011–2012 ( $p < 0.05$ ) (Figure); current e-cigarette use increased from 0.6% to 1.1% ( $p < 0.05$ ), and current use of both e-cigarettes and conventional cigarettes increased from 0.3% to 0.7% ( $p < 0.05$ ). In 2012, among middle school ever e-cigarette users, 20.3% reported never smoking conventional cigarettes; among middle school current e-cigarette users, 61.1% reported current conventional cigarette smoking.

Among high school students, ever e-cigarette use increased from 4.7% to 10.0% during 2011–2012 ( $p < 0.05$ ) (Figure); current e-cigarette use increased from 1.5% to 2.8% ( $p < 0.05$ ), and current use of both e-cigarettes and conventional cigarettes increased from 1.2% to 2.2% ( $p < 0.05$ ). In 2012, among high school ever e-cigarette users, 7.2% reported never smoking conventional cigarettes; among high school current e-cigarette users, 80.5% reported current conventional cigarette smoking.

E-cigarette experimentation and recent use doubled among U.S. middle and high school students during 2011–2012, resulting in an estimated 1.78 million students having ever used e-cigarettes as of 2012. Moreover, in 2012, an estimated 160,000 students who reported ever using e-cigarettes had never used conventional cigarettes. This is a serious concern because the overall impact of e-cigarette use on public health remains uncertain. In youths, concerns include the potential negative impact of nicotine on adolescent brain development (4), as well as the risk for nicotine addiction and initiation of the use of conventional cigarettes or other tobacco products.

CDC and the Food and Drug Administration will continue to explore ways to increase surveillance and research on e-cigarettes. Given the rapid increase in use and youths' susceptibility to social and environmental influences to use tobacco, developing strategies to prevent marketing, sales, and use of e-cigarettes among youths is critical.

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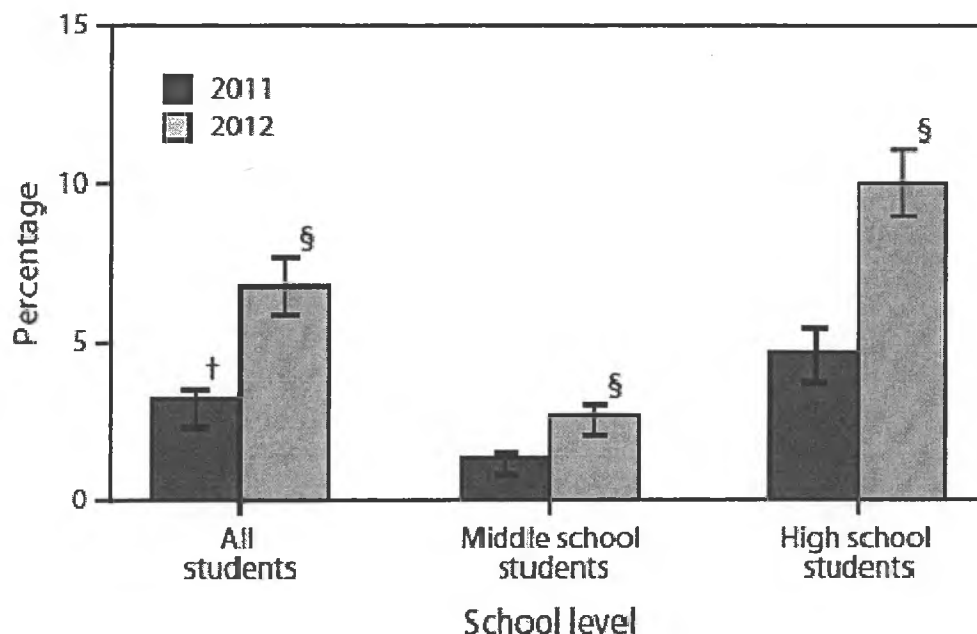
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\* Ever electronic cigarette use defined as having ever used electronic cigarettes, even just one time.

† 95% confidence interval.

§ Statistically significant difference between 2011 and 2012 (chi-square,  $p < 0.05$ ).

**FIGURE. Ever electronic cigarette use\* among middle and high school students, by year — National Youth Tobacco Survey, United States, 2011–2012**



**Alternate Text:** The figure above shows ever electronic cigarette (e-cigarette) use among middle and high school students, by year, in the United States during 2011-2012. During 2011-2012, among all students in grades 6-12, ever e-cigarette use increased from 3.3% to 6.8% ( $p < 0.05$ ); current e-cigarette use increased from 1.1% to 2.1% ( $p < 0.05$ ), and current use of both e-cigarettes and conventional cigarettes increased from 0.8% to 1.6% ( $p < 0.05$ ).

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# Commonly Asked Questions about Electronic Cigarettes

## What are electronic cigarettes or e-cigarettes?

Electronic cigarettes, also known as e-cigarettes, are typically battery-operated products designed to deliver a heated solution, or vapor, of nicotine and other chemicals to the user. E-cigarettes can be disposable or consist of a rechargeable battery-operated heating element; a replaceable or refillable cartridge that may contain nicotine, flavoring agents, and other chemicals (sometimes called “e-juices”); and an atomizer that uses heat to convert the contents of the cartridge into a vapor that is inhaled by the user.<sup>i</sup> Some e-cigarettes are designed to look like cigarettes, cigars, pipes, or hookahs.

### This factsheet will review:

- What is an e-cigarette
- Are they safe
- Is nicotine safe
- Use (initiation & quitting)
- Marketing
- Regulation
- Where ACS CAN stands

## Are e-cigarettes safe, as manufacturers claim?

There are more than 250 types of e-cigarettes on the market today and the products vary considerably by ingredients, quality control and assurance, and ability to reliably deliver nicotine to users. E-cigarette manufacturers claim the ingredients are “safe,” but without federal regulation, there is no sure way for e-cigarette users to know what they are consuming and the extent of potential risk.

Currently, only a limited number of studies have examined the contents of e-cigarette vapor. Some of the studies have found the vapor to contain only propylene glycol, nicotine, and flavorings, and other studies found them to contain heavy metals, volatile organic compounds and tobacco-specific nitrosamines, among other ingredients. A 2009 study done by the FDA found cancer-causing substances in several of the e-cigarette samples tested.<sup>ii</sup> Additionally, Food and Drug Administration (FDA) tests found nicotine in some e-cigarettes that claimed to contain no nicotine. Propylene glycol is used for food preservation among other uses, and while generally recognized as safe by the FDA for those uses, there is no evidence to date on the safety of inhaling propylene glycol in e-cigarettes, especially in a heated solution and over a long period of time.

The health effects of e-cigarettes are scientifically uncertain, especially their long-term effects. There is general agreement among scientists in the field that, in the short run, at least, e-cigarettes are almost certainly less harmful than combusted cigarettes. But there are still serious questions about the safety of inhaling the substances in some e-cigarette vapor. E-cigarettes have not been subject to thorough, independent testing, so users cannot be sure of what they are actually inhaling. Some studies have shown that some e-cigarettes can cause short-term lung changes and irritations and the long-term health effects, as noted above, are unknown.

Additionally, the effects of secondhand vapor from e-cigarettes require further study, especially to determine differences among the many brands and types of e-cigarettes. Finally, the health impact on individuals using e-cigarettes while also using other tobacco products, such as cigarettes, is not documented in the scientific literature. This is a particularly important area of study because initial reports

of e-cigarette use indicate that e-cigarettes are used by some cigarette smokers in addition to smoking cigarettes, rather than as a replacement for cigarettes. More research is needed to determine if continuing to smoke cigarettes, even fewer, along with e-cigarette use poses a risk for premature death and disease.

### **Is the nicotine used in e-cigarettes safe?**

Nicotine is a drug found naturally in tobacco. Its dependence-producing properties are similar to those of heroin or cocaine.<sup>iii</sup> The risk for addiction depends on the dose of nicotine delivered, the way it is delivered, and the length of time over which it is used. Nicotine addiction can cause withdrawal symptoms when an individual tries to quit. Several nicotine replacement therapies – such as gum, patches, sprays, inhalers, or lozenges – have been approved by the FDA as safe and effective for use to help relieve withdrawal symptoms, without providing the cancer-causing chemicals found in tobacco products. However, exposure to nicotine can still have harmful consequences for some users. Scientific evidence has shown that nicotine affects maternal and fetal health during pregnancy, potentially leading to preterm delivery or stillbirth and adverse consequences to brain development of the fetus.<sup>iv</sup> Additionally, scientific evidence suggests that nicotine can have long-term adverse effects on brain development among adolescents. Therefore, pregnant women and adolescents are cautioned from using any nicotine containing products, including e-cigarettes.

### **Who is using e-cigarettes, and how are they used?**

There is very little surveillance of e-cigarette use in the United States to date. A study from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) found that e-cigarette experimentation increased among middle and high school students between 2011 and 2012 (from 3.3 percent to 6.8 percent), resulting in an estimated 1.78 million youth who have tried e-cigarettes.<sup>v</sup> Current e-cigarette use increased for this population of youth from 1.1 percent to 2.1 percent. These increases were greater among high school students.

A study of 2010-11 data found the number of adults who have ever used e-cigarettes increased from 3.3 percent to 6.2 percent.<sup>vi</sup> In 2011, 21.2 percent of current smokers had ever tried e-cigarettes, as compared to 7.4 percent of former smokers and 1.3 percent of never smokers, suggesting that, at the present, e-cigarette use among adults is largely confined to current and former cigarette smokers. Another study found that the majority of e-cigarette users across four countries reported using e-cigarettes to help them quit cigarettes and because they thought they were less harmful than cigarettes.<sup>vii</sup>

### **Will e-cigarettes help people stop using tobacco products entirely?**

There have been only a few randomized controlled trials of e-cigarettes as a smoking cessation aid.<sup>viii</sup> Only one of these compared the effectiveness of e-cigarettes as a quitting aid to an already- tested, approved quitting medication. The study compared the use of nicotine-replacement therapy patches and e-cigarettes with the outcome of abstinence from cigarettes at 6 months. It concluded that e-cigarettes may be at least as effective as nicotine patches aiding in quitting cigarettes (7.3 percent and 5.8 percent 6 months abstinence, respectively). Other studies that have attempted to look at the potential of e-cigarettes as a cessation aid have found that, while e-cigarettes may aid in reducing the number of

cigarettes smoked, there was not a significant difference between smokers who used e-cigarettes and smokers who did not use e-cigarettes in terms of quitting cigarette use entirely.<sup>ix</sup>

Therefore the question still remains whether, and to what degree, e-cigarettes are an effective smoking cessation aid, and whether reducing the number of cigarettes smoked by using both e-cigarettes and cigarettes at the same time reduces an individual's risk for premature death and disease. The answers to these questions and others must come from a wide-ranging, independent research agenda.

In the absence of FDA guidance and sufficient research evidence establishing e-cigarettes as an effective method to help smokers quit, **ACS CAN does not at this time recommend e-cigarettes for smoking cessation.** Instead, for those smokers for whom it is appropriate to use a cessation medication, ACS CAN recommends use of one FDA-approved and thoroughly tested smoking cessation medications (i.e. nicotine replacements – gum, patch, lozenge, inhaler, nasal spray - or bupropion or varenicline).

### **Will youth use e-cigarettes as an introduction to regular cigarettes?**

The rapid increase in youth trying e-cigarettes in recent years raises questions as to whether these youth will be drawn into long-term nicotine addiction and whether they will supplement or replace e-cigarette use with cigarettes or other tobacco products. The lack of surveillance of e-cigarette use makes this question hard to answer at this time, but there are several key factors, based on past experience with tobacco industry products and marketing, that raises the concern of some in the public health and health community.

First, more than 80 percent of adult smokers report starting before the age of 18 and adolescents who use smokeless tobacco are more likely to become adult smokers than adolescents who do not use smokeless tobacco.<sup>x</sup> This suggests that nicotine experimentation in youth can lead some youth to a lifetime of nicotine addiction and use of tobacco products. Second, the widespread, unregulated use of e-cigarettes has the potential to result in smoking once again as a socially acceptable behavior which has potentially significant implications for youth initiation and adult continuation of cigarette smoking. Third, e-cigarettes are accessible to youth since they are not covered under all state and local youth access laws and are available for purchase through the internet. Finally, many of the makers of e-cigarettes are utilizing tobacco company product and marketing tactics that have been proven effective at targeting youth, including the use of candy flavoring and celebrity endorsements. The increase in youth trying e-cigarettes is not surprising given the increased access to, promotion of, and exposure to e-cigarettes; and raises serious questions on the potential for long-term nicotine addiction and use of cigarettes and other tobacco products.

### **How are e-cigarettes being marketed?**

E-cigarettes are widely available to nearly anyone who wishes to purchase them, since they are often not subject to the same legal restrictions as cigarettes and other tobacco products. E-cigarettes are advertised on television, radio, online, in print magazines, including those with high youth readership, and at sports and music events. Some e-cigarette manufacturers are using the same marketing practices effectively used by the tobacco companies to target youth and mislead consumers about the potential safety and health impact of their products. Such practices include celebrity endorsements, sports and musical

sponsorships, and images of e-cigarettes as rebellious, sexy and cool, as well as the use of flavorings in their products.<sup>xi</sup> Some e-cigarette manufacturers claim e-cigarettes are a safe, less harmful alternative to cigarettes despite the lack of regulation to ensure their safety or health impact. Additionally, e-cigarettes are advertised as a way to “legally smoke” or “take back your freedom” where smoke-free laws exist in states and localities. As part of its request for FDA to regulate e-cigarettes, several leading members of Congress have developed a side-by-side presentation of e-cigarette and cigarette marketing practices ([democrats.energycommerce.house.gov](http://democrats.energycommerce.house.gov)).

### **Why the controversy?**

The potential benefits of e-cigarettes are the ability to deliver nicotine to the user without many of the other harmful chemicals in cigarettes, the absence of secondhand cigarette smoke, and the potential to aid smokers in quitting cigarettes.

There are concerns, however, that because these products are unregulated and current research provides mixed views of whether the potential benefits will be borne out in the long run, the safety claims made by manufacturers are unsubstantiated by objective scientific evidence and may be misleading the public. FDA regulation of e-cigarettes and sufficient science-based, independent research is essential in order for the public health and health community, cigarette smokers, and the public at-large to be accurately informed about e-cigarettes, including the ingredients and the potential benefits or harms of use. Research is also needed to assess whether youth can be drawn into long-term nicotine use through e-cigarettes, whether wide use of e-cigarettes can re-normalize cigarette use, and whether e-cigarette use will be a net harm or benefit for population-based public health. There is a growing scientific literature surrounding e-cigarettes and considerable research is underway. The controversy surrounding e-cigarettes and harm reduction more broadly will not go away, but as these results become available and FDA asserts its authority to regulate these products, more accurate, science-based policies and public education can be developed.

### **Are e-cigarettes regulated?**

When e-cigarettes were first introduced on the market, the FDA tried to regulate e-cigarettes as a drug-delivery device, like other tobacco cessation aids such as nicotine gum or patches. NJOY, one e-cigarette maker, presented a legal challenge and a federal court ruled e-cigarettes can only be regulated as a drug-delivery device when a therapeutic claim is made (ex. aids in cessation); without such claim, the only way the FDA can assert its regulatory authority over e-cigarettes is to regulate them as tobacco products. Currently, however, e-cigarettes remain unregulated. FDA has stated its intent to assert the authority of the Center for Tobacco Products to regulate all tobacco products, but a rule has yet to be issued. FDA assertion would allow the agency to require e-cigarette manufacturers to register their products with the FDA, provide FDA with their ingredients, establish good manufacturing practices, address impure/untested product additions and misbranding issues, and restrict marketing and sales only to those 18 years and older, among other potential regulations.

### **What are ACS CAN’s views on e-cigarettes?**

**In the absence of FDA guidance and sufficient research evidence establishing e-cigarettes as an effective method to help smokers quit, ACS CAN does not at this time recommend e-cigarettes for smoking**

cessation. Instead, for those smokers for whom it is appropriate to use a cessation medication, ACS CAN recommends use of one or more of the seven FDA-approved and thoroughly tested smoking cessation medications (i.e. nicotine replacements – gum, patch, lozenge, inhaler, nasal spray - or bupropion or varenicline).

ACS CAN agrees there is a need for a wide-ranging, independent research agenda on e-cigarettes, but we recognize that even without sufficient scientific evidence of the safety or health impact of e-cigarettes, inaction on e-cigarettes is not in the best interest of protection of the public's health. Therefore, ACS CAN supports the FDA asserting its authority to regulate e-cigarettes and other tobacco products and the inclusion of e-cigarettes in state and local evidence-based tobacco prevention and control measures, including prohibiting the use of e-cigarettes wherever smoking is prohibited.

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**THE IMPACT OF ANCHORAGE'S 2000 AND 2007  
SMOKE-FREE POLICIES  
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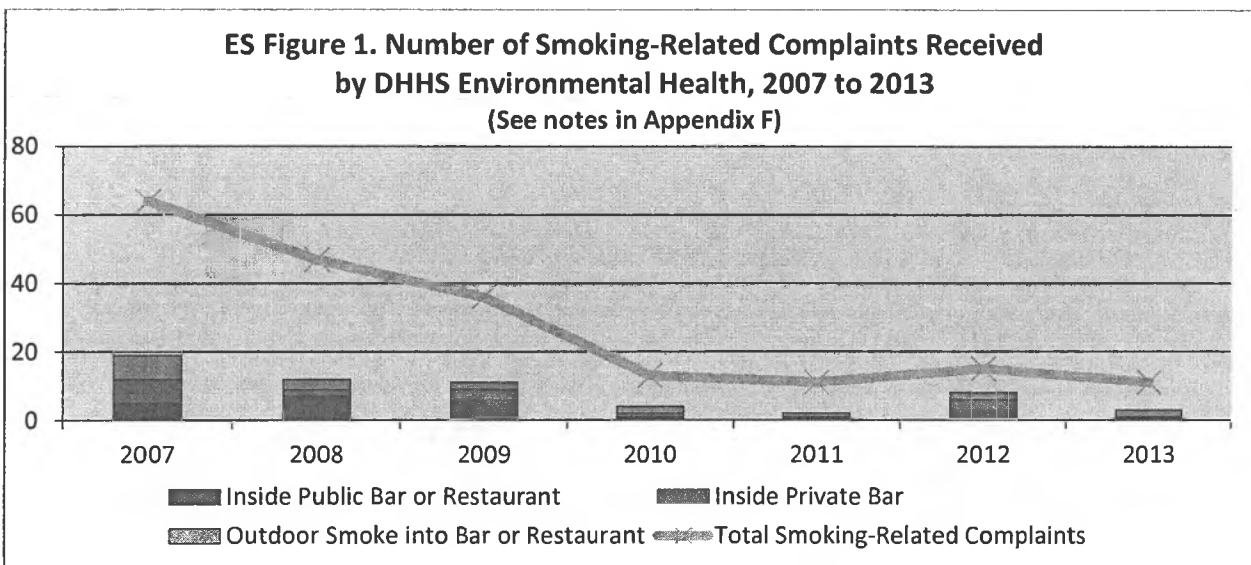
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## Executive Summary

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## Policy Enforcement

The Municipality of Anchorage (MOA), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Environmental Health, Food Safety and Sanitation Program is responsible for enforcing the smoke-free ordinances. Key informants shared that less than 5% of annual complaints received are for smoking related issues, and less than 5% of the investigations conducted are for smoking related issues. The number of organizations investigated for violations varied from three to six per year, and the number of complaints reported is summarized below:



## Literature Review

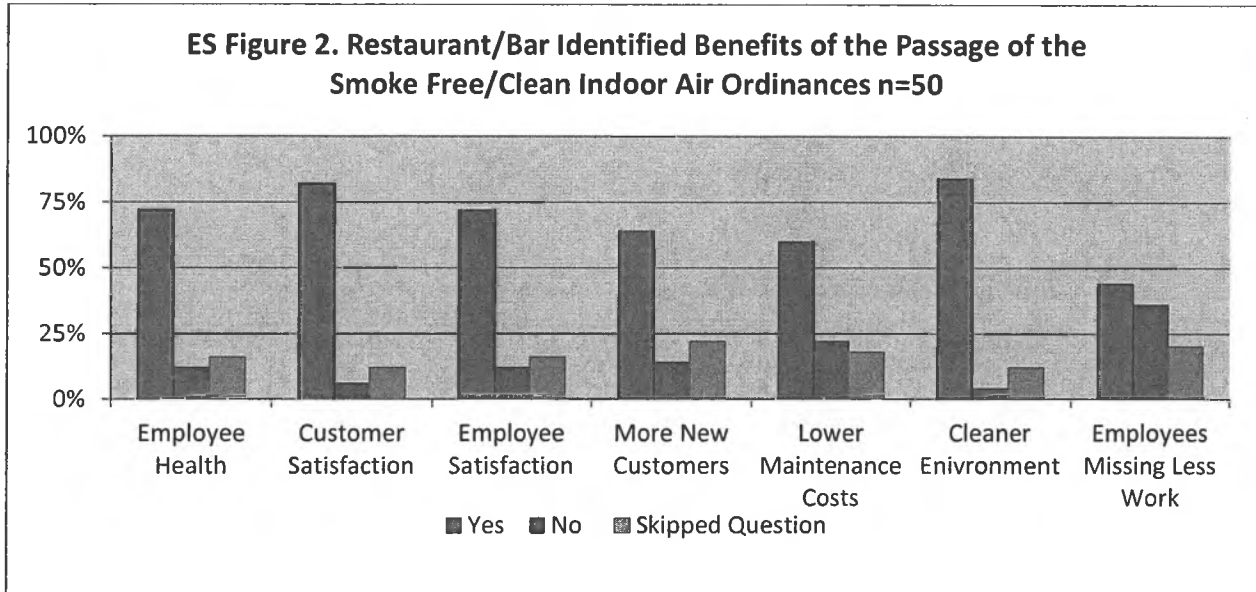
In a preliminary estimate of the economic impact of the 2000 CIA ordinance in Anchorage, Larson (2001) found that there was no detectable negative effect on employment in the hospitality industry by August of 2001. Between 2000 and 2001, employment increased by 10% in restaurants that went from restricted smoking before the ordinance to non-smoking after the ordinance, while employment increased by only 6% in restaurants that continued to allow restricted smoking after the ordinance.

Using employment data on Anchorage bars from 2001 to 2010, a report commissioned by the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services Tobacco Prevention and Control Program (2011) found that bar employment within the Municipality was 10% higher than it would have been if the 2007 Clean Indoor Air law would not have been implemented. Travers & Dobson (2008) compared the air quality in 13 smoke-free Anchorage bars after the passage of the 2007 CIA to seven Juneau bars where smoking was permitted. Similar to the results of previous studies, they found that the levels of respirable suspended particles (RSP) were 33 times higher in the Juneau bars when compared to those in

Anchorage. These particles are emitted from tobacco smoke and are particularly harmful because of their small size, making them easily inhalable into the lungs.

**Survey of Selected Restaurants and Bars**

ISER interviewed representatives of 50 full-service restaurants and bars in the Anchorage municipality on their perceptions of the smoke free indoor ordinances. A total of 96% (48/50) identified at least one benefit from the passage of the ordinances, with responses summarized below:



The majority of survey respondents (78%) indicated that customer feedback about the clean indoor air ordinances (CIA) was either very positive or somewhat positive, while 2% reported that customer feedback was very negative. The majority of respondents (76%) indicated that employee feedback on the CIA was either very positive or somewhat positive, while 6% reported that employee feedback was either somewhat negative or very negative.

The majority of survey respondents (92%) reported that customer compliance with the CIA was either excellent or good, while 2% reported customer compliance as fair. Similarly, 86% of respondents indicated employee compliance with the CIA was either excellent or good while 8% reported that employee compliance was fair.

Restaurant and bar representatives reported that they required smokers to stay an average of 30.5 feet away from the entrances to their establishments. At 58%, a little more than half of respondents (29/50) reported that the mandated minimum distance for their establishment was appropriate (5 ft. for bars or restaurants that serve alcohol, 20 feet for restaurants that do not serve alcohol); 38% (19/50) reported that the mandated distance for their establishment was inappropriate. A majority of respondents, 62% (31/50), felt that a different mandated distance would be more appropriate, suggesting an average of 30 ft.

**Limitations**

The survey results are not necessarily representative of Anchorage full service restaurants and bars. However, the consistency of the findings suggests agreement on the effects of the ordinance and the lack of any systemic issues arising from implementing smoke-free workplace policies.

## **Introduction**

The American Lung Association in Alaska (ALAA) has asked the Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER) to investigate the impact of the Anchorage 2000 and 2007 Clean Indoor Air municipal ordinances on selected restaurants and bars. As previous U.S. studies speak to the economic and health impacts of Smoke Free and Clean Indoor Air Laws., ALAA also requested that that ISER synthesize results of these existing studies, and conduct a survey on restaurant and bar representatives' perceptions of the impact of the ordinances. ALAA outlined three areas of focus for this project, including:

- Previous work and findings related to the impact of smoke free ordinances on businesses, including potential changes in employment
- Enforcement of the smoke free ordinances in Anchorage
- Restaurant and bar representatives' perspectives on the impact of the smoke free ordinances

To inform these areas of interest, ISER conducted a literature review of previous work related to smoke free policies, a survey of restaurant and bar representatives in Anchorage, and key informant interviews with individuals responsible for enforcement of the smoke free policies.

This report begins with an introduction, followed by the results of a review of the previously published literature related to smoke free policies in Alaska. The methodology for both the key informant interviews and the survey of restaurants and bars are described in the next section. The methodology includes information on the selection of respondents and details of how the data was collected and analyzed. Finally, we describe findings from the key informant interviews and survey. Appendices contain the questions posed to key informants, the survey used with restaurant and bar representatives, and verbatim comments on the impact of the Anchorage smoke free ordinances.

## **Anchorage Municipal Ordinances**

### **Anchorage Municipal Ordinance 2000-91(S), Effective December 31, 2000**

In 2000, the Anchorage Assembly amended title 16 of the municipal code, adding chapter 16.65 about smoking in work and enclosed public spaces. The law took effect December 31, 2000. The code prohibited smoking in the Anchorage municipality in:

- Enclosed public spaces
- Places of employment

Exempted from this regulation were:

- Private residences
- Places of employment with four or less employees
- 25% of hotel and motel rooms rented to guests
- Retail tobacco stores
- Private functions in restaurants, hotel and motel conference or meeting rooms and public or private assembly rooms
- Bars -defined as a "...premise licensed under AS 04.11.090 [beverage dispensary license that authorizes selling or serving of alcohol] which does not employ any person under the age of 21 and which does not serve any person under the age of 21 unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian and where tobacco smoke cannot filter into any other area where smoking is prohibited through a passageway, ventilation system, or other means."

- Bingo halls and pull tab establishments where an enclosed non-smoking section is offered to patrons.

Full text of the ordinance is available online at:

[http://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/legislation/2000%20Ordinances/AO2000-091 \(S\).pdf](http://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/legislation/2000%20Ordinances/AO2000-091 (S).pdf)

### **Anchorage Municipal Ordinance 2006-86(S), Effective July 1, 2007**

The Municipality of Anchorage repealed and reenacted Chapter 16.65 of the Municipal Code, effective July 1, 2007 by ordinance 2006-86(S). This ordinance extended the prohibition of smoking to:

- Enclosed areas on properties owned or controlled by the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA)
- All areas within 20 feet of each entrance to enclosed areas or properties owned or controlled by the MOA
- All areas within 50 feet of each entrance to a hospital or medical clinic
- All enclosed areas where a person provides child care on a fee for service basis
- Seating areas of outdoor arenas, stadiums, and amphitheaters
- All areas within five feet of the entrance to a premise with a liquor license

Exceptions to this regulation were:

- A maximum of 25% of hotel and motel rooms rented to guests, if at least 75% of rooms are designated permanently nonsmoking
- Private clubs not licensed for the sale of alcoholic beverages that are not places of employment when they are not open to the public
- Outdoor places of employment not identified in the ordinance
- Private residences when child care is not being provided on a fee for service basis

This ordinance effectively extended the smoking prohibition to bars, tobacco retail stores, bingo halls and pull tab establishments, small businesses, entrances to some buildings, child care establishments, and outdoor public places.

Violations to this ordinance were set at:

- A fine not exceeding \$100 for the first violation
- A fine not exceeding \$200 for the second violation
- A fine not exceeding \$500 for each additional violation

These violations are investigated by the MOA Code Enforcement (Health & Sanitation).

Full text of the ordinance is available online at:

[http://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/legislation/2006%20Ordinances/ao2006-086 \(S\).pdf](http://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/legislation/2006%20Ordinances/ao2006-086 (S).pdf)

### **Policy Enforcement**

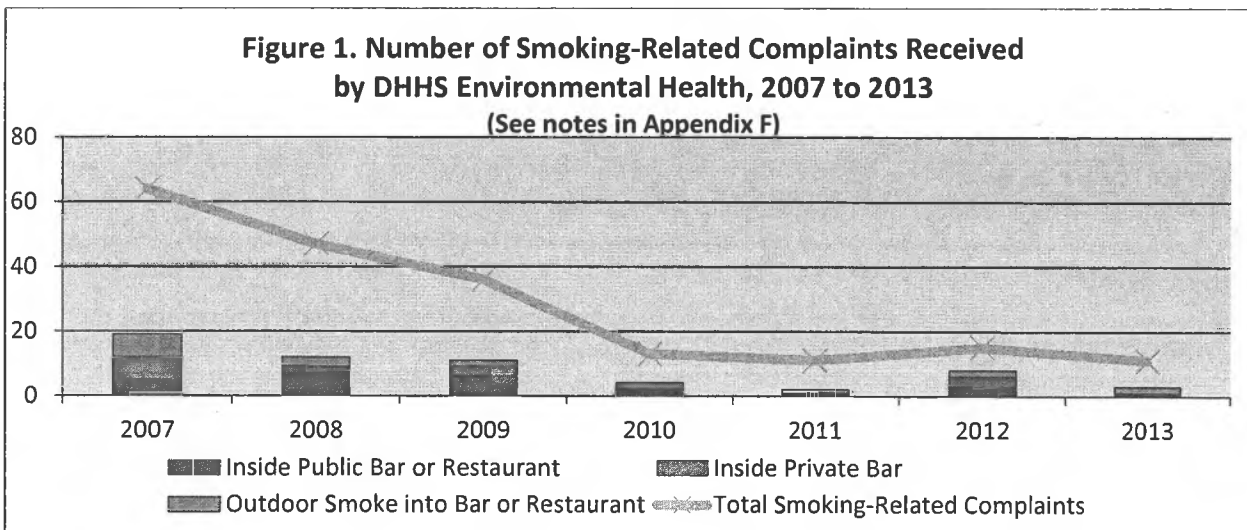
The Municipality of Anchorage (MOA), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Environmental Health, Food Safety and Sanitation Program (FSS) regulates smoking in public facilities in Anchorage. ISER staff conducted key informant interviews with individuals responsible for enforcing the smoke-free ordinances. Responding to questions about the enforcement process, informants shared that most clean indoor air violations were reported through an online complaint system. Enforcement officers reported that they then send an informational packet to organizations where a complaint has been reported, with escalating enforcement actions taken in the absence of voluntary compliance. In response to complaints, enforcement officials reported that they typically

sought to first inform the potentially offending organization, a tactic that was employed “especially when the code was first adopted”. In the words of a key informant:

“The first action taken is to notify the alleged offending party by ‘friendly letter’ advising them of the ordinance and that they may be in violation. We include a packet of information and no smoking signs with this ‘friendly letter’ [includes a copy of the code and American Lung Association information about secondhand smoke exposure and risks]. If . . . complaints [continue] at that location, we will follow the letter with a Notice of Violation; indicating that we've had multiple complaints at this site and request that they inform us of the action they intend to take. If we receive complaints after sending a Notice of Violation, our policy is to visit the location to observe the violation. If we do observe a continuing violation, we would then issue a citation. Although we have the ability to issue citations enforced through District Court, our enforcement action is usually done through a Complaint filed with the Administrative Hearing Office.”

Key informants reported that, while the number of organizations investigated for violations of the ordinances varies from year to year with somewhere between three to six complaints per year, “the majority of [the] complaints are handled by phone contact or friendly letter; they are not investigated through site visit.” From the key informant interviews ISER learned that “the municipality has not fined a business for violation of the ordinance.” The key informants were also not aware of other organizations, such as APD, issuing any citations for violating the secondhand smoking ordinances. Consequently, the effect of issuing fines cannot be assessed. Key informants shared that the threat of a fine may be a potential incentive for organizations to come into compliance with the secondhand smoke ordinances. One of the key informants stated that; “I understand the municipality took legal action against one business shortly after the ordinance was first adopted. To the best of my knowledge, the municipality (DHHS) has not issued a citation or fine for violation of the smoking ordinance since then.”

The MOA provided ISER with data on smoke free ordinance violations between 2007 and 2013, which is the time period following the second smoke free ordinance in Anchorage. This data, extracted from the municipal enforcement system, shows that the number of smoking related complaints received has trended downwards from 2007 to 2011 (see Figure 1). Complaints increased slightly in 2012 and then declined in 2013 to approximately the 2010 level. During key informant interviews it was reported that a relatively small percentage of the Environmental Health Program workload is related to smoking:



A key informant reported that less than 5% of the complaints received at the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Environmental Health Programs are for smoking related issues and less than 5% of the investigations conducted at the DHHS Environmental Health Programs are for smoking related issues. Key informants shared that a lack of resources is a challenge to enforcing the smoke-free ordinances. However, a key informant felt that education and signage were best practices to address and prevent violations of the smoke free ordinances.

As enforcement activity is not engaged in unless there are continuing complaints after an educational approach has been tried, sufficient information is currently lacking to assess the general level of compliance or the impact of current enforcement activities on compliance. However, further research may inform these issues.

## **Literature Review**

### **Impact of Smoke-Free Laws on Employment and Air Quality**

#### **Anchorage Studies**

Effective December 31, 2000, the Municipality of Anchorage created designated areas in nearly all indoor public spaces, including restaurants, but excluding bars (AO No. 2000-91(S), § 1, 12-31-00). In a preliminary estimate of the economic impact of the ordinance, Larson (2001) found that there was no detectable negative effect on employment in the hospitality industry in Anchorage by August of 2001. Between 2000 and 2001, employment increased by 10% in restaurants that went from restricted smoking before the ordinance to non-smoking after the ordinance, while employment increased by only 6% in restaurants that continued to allow restricted smoking after the ordinance.

The Anchorage smoking ordinance was amended, effective July 1, 2007, ensure smoke-free air in all restaurants and bars within the Municipality, and is now referred to as the Anchorage Clean Indoor Air Law (CIA) (AO No. 2006-86(S), § 1, 7-01-07). Using employment data on Anchorage bars from 2001 to 2010, a report commissioned by the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services Tobacco Prevention and Control Program (2011) found that bar employment within the Municipality was 10% higher than it would have been if the CIA had not been implemented. The researchers employed a seasonally adjusted regression model, and although they found that bar employment declined immediately following the passage of CIA, employment was discovered to steadily increase after the initial drop.

Travers & Dobson (2008) compared the air quality in 13 smoke-free Anchorage bars after the passage of CIA to 7 Juneau bars where smoking was permitted. Similar to the results of previous studies, they found that the levels of respirable suspended particles (RSP) were 33 times higher in the Juneau bars when compared to those in Anchorage. These particles are emitted from tobacco smoke and are particularly harmful because of their small size, making them easily inhalable into the lungs.

## **Methodology**

### **Institutional Review Board**

The UAA Institutional Review Board (IRB) reviews all research involving people that is conducted at the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA). The UAA IRB's main role is to ensure that the research fulfills the requirements of federal regulations that protect human volunteers in research. ISER submitted required information to the UAA IRB, which determined that the necessary safeguards were in place, and granted ISER approval to conduct both the key informant interviews and the survey of restaurant and bar representatives.

## **Key Informant Interviews**

### **Recruitment**

The American Lung Association in Alaska has a link and phone number to report violations of the Anchorage ordinance prohibiting smoking, located online at: <http://www.lung.org/associations/states/alaska/local-programs/tobacco-control/sfac/> . Staff at the Institute of Social and Economic Research called this posted phone number and learned that the employees of the Municipality of Anchorage, Department of Health and Human Services, Environmental Health Division, Food Safety and Sanitation Program were responsible for the enforcement of the Smoke-Free /Clean Indoor Air ordinances. A MOA employee provided contact information for the Food Safety and Sanitation Program Manager and a Public Information Officer who referred ISER staff to the Anchorage Air Quality Specialist. These informants helped with providing the names and contact information for the enforcement employees within the MOA, DHHS, and Environmental Health Food Safety and Sanitation Program.

### **Interview Questions**

ISER and the American Lung Association in Alaska developed key informant interview questions to explore enforcement activity around the smoke free laws , including procedures, violations, and fines. The key informant interview questions were also designed to gather perceptions of enforcement staff responsible for enforcement of the smoke free ordinances. The interview questions are located in Appendix A.

### **Data Collection**

Key informant interviews were conducted by a trained ISER interviewer who coordinated with potential respondents to conduct each interview at the respondent's convenience. ISER staff explained the project to each potential respondent, verified their eligibility, requested the respondent's participation, and attained informed consent. Interviews of approximately 45 min. in length were conducted via phone, digitally recorded, and transcribed, or conducted via email. Interviews were conducted from November 7 to December 6, 2013.

## **Survey of Restaurants and Bars**

### **Population Frame and Selection of Respondents**

The American Lung Association in Alaska provided three Excel spreadsheets to the Institute of Social and Economic Research to select appropriate establishments for the proposed survey. These spreadsheets included:

- Active Food Service Establishments as of August 27, 2013
- Municipality of Anchorage businesses with active liquor licenses in 2012
- List of all Active Anchorage Food Service Establishments as of Sep. 11, 2013 with contact names and phone numbers

After discussion with the American Lung Association in Alaska, it was decided that the focus of the survey would be full service restaurants and bars in the Municipality of Anchorage. A sample frame of full-service restaurants and bars was selected from the list of active Anchorage food service establishments. Coffee shops, fast food places, and ice cream places were eliminated and the sample frame was checked with restaurant names provided by the Department of Labor and Workforce Development to verify accuracy of the selection. To achieve 50 completed surveys, a total of 201 establishments were randomly chosen from the sample frame. This selection may not be representative of Anchorage full service restaurants and bars. However, we retained the same percentage mix of restaurants and bars as in the original data.

After the sample of 201 restaurants and bars was generated, further review to ensure that only full service restaurants and bars were selected resulted in excluding 35 of the 201 establishments, leaving 166. During the course of the survey an additional 20 establishments were excluded, reducing the sample to 146. These 55 establishments were excluded for the following reasons:

- 34 were located inside another building
- 9 were not full service
- 8 did not have a working phone number
- 3 were closed
- 1 was a fast food restaurant

### **Survey Questionnaire**

The survey questions ask the restaurant or bar representative about their perceptions of the benefits of the smoke free laws, customer and employee compliance, customer and employee feedback about the ordinances, and the distance establishments require individuals who are smoking to stand away from their entrances. The survey instrument was developed by ISER, based on discussions with the ALAA team. The questionnaire is located in Appendix B.

### **Data Collection**

Trained ISER interviewers called the identified businesses to complete the survey. ISER staff explained the project, verified the participants' eligibility for the study, attained informed consent from the participants, and administered the survey. Responses were recorded on an Excel spreadsheet or written on paper and later transcribed to the spreadsheet. The survey was conducted between November 25<sup>th</sup> and December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013. On average, each interview lasted 6 minutes and 17 seconds, with 29 interviews (58%) less than or equal to 5 minutes and 6 interviews (12%) greater than 10 minutes in length.

### **Analysis**

Quantitative and qualitative interview data from the key informant interviews and survey were entered, edited, cleaned, and analyzed using Excel. Content analysis of the qualitative data was completed using conceptual/thematic descriptions of the data based on open coding.

### **Key Informant Interview Findings**

Findings from the key informant interviews are described in the section on Policy Enforcement.

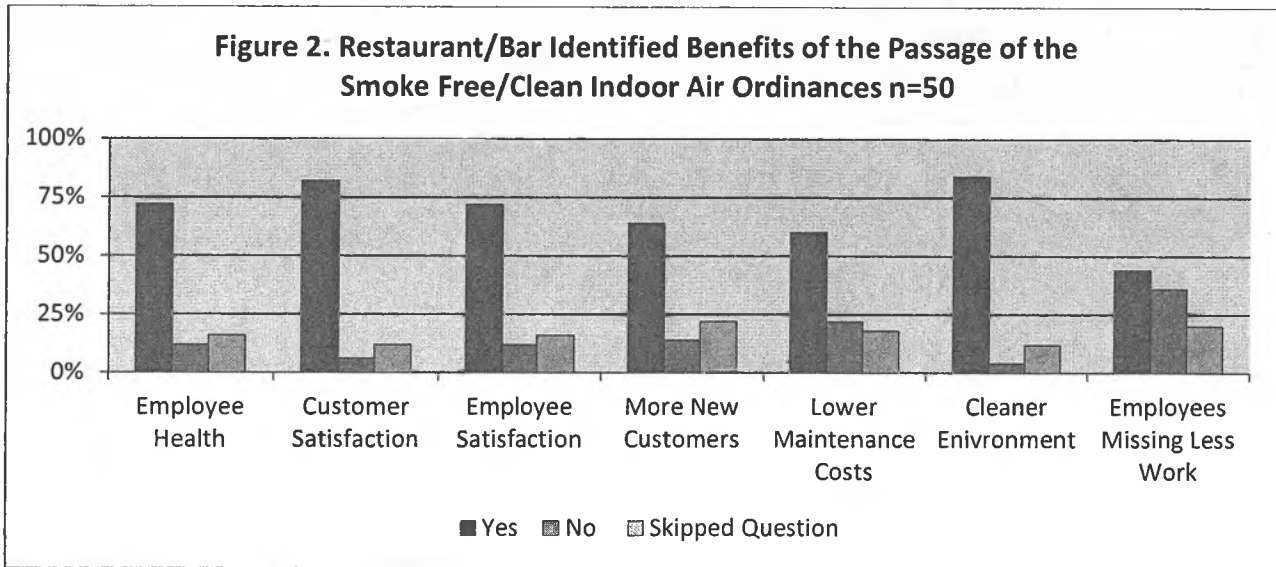
### **Survey Findings**

Of the 50 surveyed establishments, 42 (84%) self-identified as restaurants, while 2 (4%) identified as bars and 6 (12%) identified as both restaurants and bars. These 50 establishments had an average of 21.4 employees, ranging from 2 to approximately 115 employees. 19 establishments (38%) had less than 10 employees, 10 establishments (20%) had 10-19 employees, 9 establishments (18%) had 20-29 employees, and 10 establishments had 30 or more employees (20%).

### **Benefits**

Respondents were read a list of potential benefits from the passage of the CIA ordinances and asked to respond yes or no to whether or not each potential benefit had been experienced by their establishment as a result of the CIA. A total of 96% (48/50) of surveyed full-service restaurant and bar representatives identified at least one benefit from the passage of the smoke-free ordinances in Anchorage. At two of the establishments, the respondents reported that their businesses were newer

than the ordinance and hence they did not feel they could comment on any benefits from the passage of the ordinances. Responses are summarized in Figure 2 and Table 1 below:



**Table 1. Potential Benefits of the Anchorage Smoke Free Ordinances: Number and Percent**

Potential Benefit	Respondent Answers		
	# (%) Yes	# (%) No	# (%) Skipped Question
Increased Employee Health	36 (72%)	6 (12%)	8 (16%)
Increased Customer Satisfaction	41 (82%)	3 (6%)	6 (12%)
Increased Employee Satisfaction	36 (72%)	6 (12%)	8 (16%)
More New Customers	32 (64%)	7 (14%)	11 (22%)
Lower Maintenance Costs	30 (60%)	11 (22%)	9 (18%)
Cleaner Environment	42 (84%)	2 (4%)	6 (12%)
Less Employee Sick Days/Employees Missing Less Work	22 (44%)	18 (36%)	10 (20%)

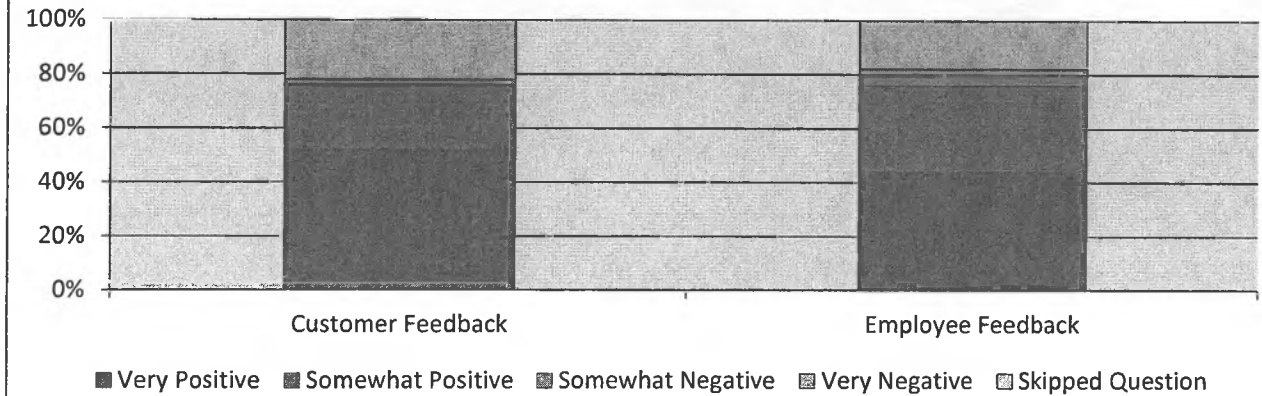
Most respondents identified a cleaner environment (84%), increased customer satisfaction (82%), employee satisfaction (72%), employee health (72%), more new customers (64%), and lower maintenance costs (60%) as benefits of the passage of the clean indoor air ordinances. Fewer respondents (44%) identified less employee sick days/employees missing less work as a benefit of the ordinances. Of the 50 respondents, 22 skipped at least one benefit category. Of those 22 respondents, five respondents reported that they had skipped a response category because their establishment had been smoke-free prior to the ordinance.

There were 24 respondents that shared comments on additional benefits. The most frequently occurring comment involved better smell, identified as a benefit by eight respondents. A verbatim summary of comments is included in Appendix C.

### Customer and Employee Feedback

Survey respondents were asked how customer and employee feedback about the smoke-free ordinances had been, and were requested to choose from the options: very positive, somewhat positive, somewhat negative, or very negative. Responses are summarized in Figure 3 and Table 2:

**Figure 3. Restaurant/Bar Perceptions of Customer and Employee Feedback to the Smoke Free/Clean Indoor Air Ordinances**



**Table 2. Customer and Employee Feedback: Number and Percent by Response Category**

Whose Feedback	# (%) Very Positive	# (%) Somewhat Positive	# (%) Somewhat Negative	# (%) Very Negative	# (%) Skipped Question
Customer	26 (52%)	12 (24%)	0 (0%)	1 (2%)	11 (22%)
Employee	22 (44%)	16 (32%)	2 (4%)	1 (2%)	9 (18%)

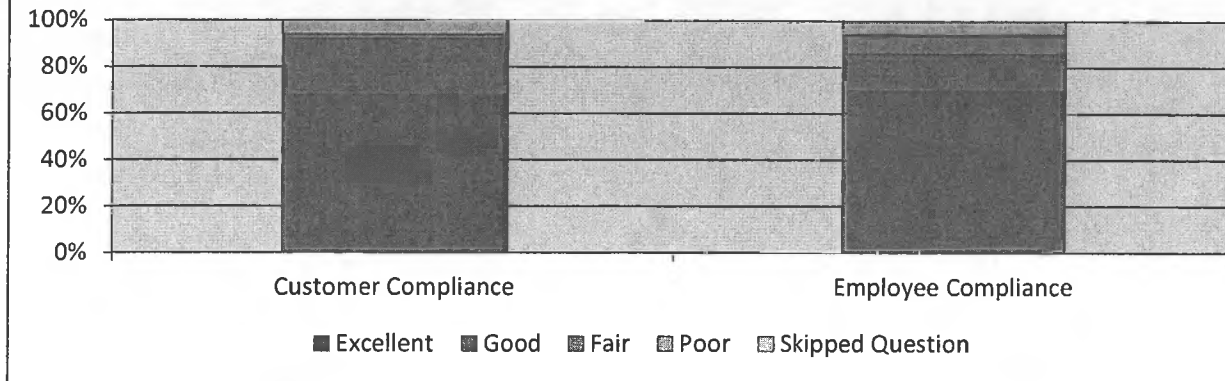
The majority of survey respondents (78%) indicated that customer feedback was either very positive or somewhat positive, while 2% reported that customer feedback was very negative. The majority of survey respondents (76%) indicated that employee feedback was either very positive or somewhat positive, while 6% reported that employee feedback was either somewhat negative or very negative.

While most respondents did not offer additional comments on customer or employee feedback, nine respondents shared further thoughts. Of these nine, six respondents reported that they had not had any customer or employee feedback and chose to skip answering the question. There were two respondents who commented that customer and employee feedback was negative at first, but that they hadn't heard anything lately and one respondent commented that the ordinance was not good for smokers as they had to go outside in the cold.

**Customer and Employee Compliance**

Respondents were asked how they would describe customer and employee compliance with the smoke-free ordinances, choosing from the possible responses: excellent, good, fair, or poor. Survey respondents' perceptions of customer and employee compliance with the Clean Indoor Air ordinances are summarized below in Figure 4 and Table 3.

**Figure 4. Restaurant/Bar Perceptions of Customer and Employee Compliance with the Smoke Free/Clean Indoor Air Ordinances**



**Table 3. Customer and Employee Compliance: Number and Percent by Response Category**

Whose Compliance	# (%) Excellent	# (%) Good	# (%) Fair	# (%) Poor	# (%) Skipped Question
Customer	34 (68%)	12 (24%)	1 (2%)	0 (0%)	3 (6%)
Employee	35 (70%)	8 (16%)	4 (8%)	0 (0%)	3 (6%)

Of the survey respondents, 92% reported that customer compliance was either excellent or good, while 2% reported that customer compliance was fair. 86% of survey respondents indicated that employee compliance was either excellent or good while 8% reported that employee compliance was fair. No survey respondents indicated that either customer or employee compliance was poor.

While the majority of respondents did not offer additional feedback on customer and employee compliance, three respondents shared further comments. One reported that compliance was an issue at first but that the rules are now known; another said they'd had compliance issues with certain populations; and one chose to skip the prompt and reported only that they'd had no complaints.

#### **Distance Away from the Entrance**

Of the 50 respondents, 35 shared that they required smoking individuals to stay between 0-100 feet away from their entrances (see Table 6). There were 15 business representatives who did not report a specific distance in feet that their establishment required smoking individuals to stay away from their entrances (9 establishments with a 5 ft. minimum distance and 6 establishments with a 20 ft. minimum distance). Among the 15, four said that they did not have a specific distance for smoking individuals to remain away from the entrances to their establishment, seven respondents stated that they've never had a problem with someone smoking next to the entrance, one shared that they do not enforce a specific distance, two reported that they asked smoking individuals to be outside the building, and one stated that smokers should be on the other side of the door. The distances that respondents reported requiring smoking individuals to remain away from the entrances to their establishments are summarized in Tables 4:

**Table 4. Distance Away from the Door: Average Required and Better Distances**

<b>Distance Away from the Door</b>	<b>Among Businesses with a 5 ft. minimum required distance from the door</b>	<b>Among Businesses with a 20 ft. minimum required distance from the door</b>
Average required distance (# reporting any required distance)	29 ft. (26)	34 ft. (9)
Average better distance (# reporting any better distance in ft.)	31 ft. (21)	28 ft. (10)

Of the 35 survey respondents (70%) who provided a distance they required smoking individuals to stay from their entrances, responses ranged from 0-100 feet, averaging 30.5 feet. However, 15 (30%) representatives did not report a specific distance in feet.

When asked about the appropriateness of the mandated minimum distances (as specified in the ordinance) that smokers must remain away from the entrance to their establishments, 58% (29/50) reported that the mandated distance for their establishment was appropriate (5 ft. for bars or restaurants that serve alcohol, 20 feet for restaurants that do not serve alcohol); 38% (19/50) reported that the mandated distance for their establishment was inappropriate, as summarized in Table 5:

**Table 5. Distance Away from Door by Respondent Type**

<b>Distance Away from the Door</b>	<b>Among Businesses with a 5 ft. minimum required distance from the door</b>	<b>Among Businesses with a 20 ft. minimum required distance from the door</b>	<b>Total</b>
# reporting mandated distance inappropriate	16	3	19
# reporting mandated distance appropriate	18	11	29
# Skipped question on mandated distance	1	1	2
<b># (%) Total</b>	<b>35 (70%)</b>	<b>15 (30%)</b>	<b>50 (100%)</b>

Establishments chose a range of distances when asked what a more appropriate mandated distance for smokers to remain away from entrances would be for their type of establishment, as summarized in Table 6. We found the 62% of respondents (31/50) felt that a different mandated distance would be more appropriate, with combined responses averaging 30 ft. from establishment entrances.

**Table 6. More Appropriate Distance from the Door, As Reported by Respondents**

<b>More Appropriate Distance from the Door</b>	<b>Number of Businesses with 5 ft. mandated minimum</b>	<b>Number of Businesses with 20 ft. mandated minimum</b>	<b>Total</b>
0-9 ft.	0	0	0
10-19 ft.	6	5	11
20-29 ft.	8	0	8
30-39 ft.	1	1	2
40-49 ft.	0	1	1
50-59 ft.	5	3	8
60 ft. or greater	1	0	1
<b>Did not report any specific distance</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>50</b>

When prompted to elaborate on their responses as to how far away a smoking individual should stay from the entrances to their establishments, 34 individuals shared additional comments. Common themes are summarized below:

- Ten reported that a close distance allows smoke to come back inside the door
- Four felt like there was not enough room to ask a smoking individual to move farther away from the door
- Four were concerned about the smell of smoke
- Four didn't want to inconvenience nonsmokers, including patrons standing at the door of their establishment
- Four were worried about secondhand smoke
- Three felt like different establishments were unique and could tolerate different minimum distances
- Three didn't have a preference for a mandated distance
- Two expressed concerns about children inhaling smoke

A verbatim summary of comments related to the distance smoking individuals remain away from the entrances to surveyed establishments is included in Appendix D.

**Additional Comments**

There were sixteen respondents who shared additional comments during the survey, which are included in Appendix E.

**Follow-Up**

A total of 33 respondents reported that they would be willing to participate in a follow-up conversation, and provided their name and contact information. There were four of these individuals who said specifically when they would be available for a follow-up conversation.

**Limitations**

The survey results are from a random sample that is not necessarily representative of Anchorage full service restaurants and bars, but rather a summary of the responses of the 50 establishment representatives that completed the questionnaire. Some of the businesses selected for the study were not in operation before the enactment of the clean indoor air ordinances, and therefore

respondents' opinions may have been based on how they thought the environment changed, rather than from their experiences at the selected establishments. While some of the selected businesses were operational during 2001 and 2007, survey respondents were not asked how long they had been with their establishments, and consequently may not have been working during the enactment of the clean indoor air ordinances. In addition, selected establishments that did not have a representative who spoke English well enough to complete the survey are not included. This effort therefore paints a descriptive picture regarding the perspectives of the establishment representatives we were able to reach. However, even with these limitations in mind, the consistency of the findings indicates agreement on the positive effects of the ordinance and the lack of any systemic issues arising from implementing smoke-free indoor policies.

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## Appendix A. Key Informant Semi Structured Interview Guide

### INTRODUCTION

[Please read the following text to the prospective participant]

Hello, I'm [PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR FULL NAME] from the University of Alaska Anchorage, may I please speak with [KEY INFORMANT NAME]?

My name is \_\_\_\_\_, from the Institute of Social and Economic Research at the University of Alaska Anchorage. We are conducting a small number of interviews with municipal employees who are knowledgeable about the smoke free /clean indoor air ordinances in Anchorage, Alaska. The interviews are sponsored by the American Lung Association in Alaska, and are part of a project to learn about the effects of smoke free public policies.

- 0 Key informant or gate keeper not available →(Skip to S1)
- 1 Key Informant available →(Skip to A1)

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- 4 Gatekeeper soft refusal → Thank and suggest another time to call back
  - 5 Gatekeeper hard refusal → Thank and Terminate
  - 6 Key informant soft refusal → Thank and suggest another time to call back
  - 7 Key Informant refusal → Thank and Terminate
  - 8 No longer works/lives here →Thank and Terminate
  - 9 Never heard of respondent → Thank and Terminate (try Directory Assistance)

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S1. \_\_\_\_\_ is a very important part of a study on smoke free policies that we are conducting for the American Lung Association in Alaska. Do you happen to know when he/she might be available?

- Date and time provided

Time:

Date:

Do you have a better telephone number for me to be able to reach \_\_\_\_\_?

Phone number:

Thank you. I will try to call him/her back on [Read the above time and date]

- \_\_\_\_\_ ]
- Don't know → Thank and Terminate
- Refused → Thank and Terminate

## INFORMED CONSENT

Read the consent text. Emphasize that participation is voluntary; they may decline to answer any question or withdraw at any time without penalty. Answer all questions before proceeding.]

Your name and contact information was provided to us by your colleagues at the Municipality of Anchorage Environmental Health Programs. They have identified you as a person who is very knowledgeable and has information on perception and effects of smoke free policies.

This study is sponsored by American Lung Association in Alaska and its results will be used to learn about the perception of smoke free polices; their influence on businesses, and compliance issues.

The interview takes about 20 to 30 minutes to complete. Your participation is voluntary, and all your answers will be kept confidential. In our report your answers will be combined with those of other who are knowledgeable of smoke free policies so that no person's answers can be identified. If there is any question you do not wish to answer, simply tell me and we can skip that question. You may stop the interview at any time. If you have any questions about your rights, I can give you the name and telephone number of the person to contact [Dr. Diane Toebe, 786-1099]. If you have questions about this study, I can give you the name and number of the person in charge of it [Rosylnd Frazier, 786-5432]. Do you have any questions?

- Yes [IF YES: ANSWER THEIR QUESTIONS, RECORD THEIR QUESTION AND YOUR RESPONSE AND CONTINUE TO THE INTERVIEW. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS, PLEASE GET A SUPERVISOR FOR ASSISTANCE.]
- No [IF KEY INFORMANT DOESN'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS RIGHT NOW, OR WOULD LIKE YOU TO CALL BACK LATER:]

I could conduct the interview at another time convenient for you. When would be a good time to call back?

[RECORD TIME AND DATE. GET A SPECIFIC TIME AND DAY; SUGGEST A TIME AND DAY IF RESPONDENT "DOESN'T KNOW"]

Time:

Date:

Is this the best number to reach you, or is there a better telephone number for me to reach you then?

Telephone number:

Thank you. I will try to call back at [Read the above time and date].

[Begin Interview]

1. What is the name of this department/division/program?

2. What is your job title?

3. How long have you been employed enforcing the Anchorage Clean Indoor Air/Smoke Free Anchorage ordinances?

4. What else do you do beyond the Clean Indoor Air enforcement? For example, what would your typical day at work look like?

We are interested in learning more about the implementation, compliance, and enforcement of the Anchorage Clean Indoor Air Ordinances.

5. Please describe your experiences enforcing the Anchorage Clean Indoor Air laws/Smoke Free Anchorage Ordinances [probes:  
Both 2000 and 2007 ordinances

-How is a business' violation of the smoke free ordinances reported and cited?

6. How effective are the fines at reducing violations to the ordinances? Our choices are: Very effective, somewhat effective, or ineffective.

- Very effective
- Somewhat Effective
- Ineffective

Please Explain:

6a. Do you think compliance would be different if the fines were higher?

- Yes
- No

6a1. Could you tell me more?

6b. Do you feel compliance would be different if the fines were lower?

- Yes
- No

6b1. Could you tell me more?

7. What challenges are there in enforcing the smoke free ordinances?

7a. How have these challenges been addressed?[Probe: overcome]

8. What are best practices for dealing with violations to the Anchorage Clean Indoor Air ordinances?

For the supervisory staff skip 9 and 10. Continue at 11.

For all other key informants continue to question 9.

9. What suggestions do you have for improving the Anchorage Clean Indoor Air enforcement process?

10. Is there anything else you would like to share about Anchorage's smoke free ordinances?

These are all the questions I have. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

[END OF INTERVIEW]

[FOR SUPERVISORS ONLY]

11. Are violations of the smoke free ordinance tracked?

[If not,] why?

[If so ask the following questions:]

11a. Are they tracked by date?

- Yes
- No

11b. Are there reports based on this data that we can access? If yes, how?

- Yes
- No

11c. How can we obtain access to the tracking data?

[DEPENDING ON THE RESPONSE TO THE TO THE QUESTION ON ACCESSING THE DATA SET, IF ISER CANNOT OBTAIN ACCESS PLEASE CONTINUE WITH THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS]

Regarding the smoke free Anchorage ordinances:

12. How many complaints have been reported?

13. How many investigations have been conducted?
14. How many fines/citations for violations have been issued?
15. What percent of the total enforcement workload is the Anchorage Clean Indoor Air law?
  - 15a. Complaints
  - 15b. Investigations
  - 15c. Fine/citations
16. How many organizations have complaints been filed against?
17. How many organizations have been investigated for violations of the ordinances?
18. How many organizations have been fined for violating the ordinances?
19. Is there anything else you would like to share about Anchorage's smoke free ordinances?

These are all the questions I have. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

**Appendix B.**  
**Survey of Restaurants and Bars Questionnaire**

**Anchorage Survey of Full Service Restaurants and Bars**  
**November 2013**

Hello, I'm [PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR FULL NAME] from the University of Alaska Anchorage

May I please speak with the owner or manager of [NAME OF RESTAURANT/BAR]?

or

Hello. Is this [NAME OF OWNER OR MANAGER OF ESTABLISHMENT]?

My name is [PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR FULL NAME], from the Institute of Social and Economic Research at the University of Alaska Anchorage. We are conducting a small number of interviews with owners and managers of Anchorage full-service restaurants and bars who are knowledgeable about the smoke free/clean indoor air ordinances in Anchorage Alaska. The interviews are sponsored by the American Lung Association in Alaska, and are part of a project to learn about the effects of smoke free public policies.

I'd like to verify that you are the owner or manager of [NAME OF RESTAURANT/BAR]?

Yes [If yes → , record information below, then thank and terminate  
[ENTER INFORMATION PROVIDED – TELEPHONE PHONE NUMBER.]

Phone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

No [If no → I'm sorry to have bothered you, could you tell me how I might be able to contact the owner or manager of [name of restaurant/bar]?

Don't know → Thank and terminate

0 Key informant or Gatekeeper not available → (Skip to S1)

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8 No longer works/lives here → Thank and Terminate

9 Never heard of respondent → Thank and Terminate (try Directory Assistance)

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S1. \_\_\_\_\_ is a very important part of a study on smoke free policies that we are conducting for the American Lung Association in Alaska. Do you happen to know when he/she might be available?

Date and time provided

Time:

Date:

Do you have a better telephone number for me to be able to reach \_\_\_\_\_?

Phone number:

Thank you. I will try to call him/her back on [Read the above time and date]

\_\_\_\_\_ ]  
 Don't know → **Thank and Terminate**

Refused → **Thank and Terminate**

S2a. Do you have the telephone number where I can reach?

\_\_\_\_\_? [ENTER PHONE NUMBER.]

## INFORMED CONSENT

Read the consent text. Emphasize that participation is voluntary; they may decline to answer any question or withdraw at any time without penalty. Answer all questions before proceeding.

Your contact information was provided to us with the assistance of the American Lung Association in Alaska. They have identified your establishment as knowledgeable about perceptions and effects of smoke free policies.

This study is sponsored by American Lung Association in Alaska and its results will be used to learn about the perceptions of smoke free polices; their influence on businesses, and compliance issues.

The interview takes about 3 to 5 minutes to complete. Your participation is voluntary, and all your answers will be kept confidential. In our report your answers will be combined with those of other who are knowledgeable of smoke free policies so that no person's answers can be identified. If there is any question you don't want to answer, simply tell me and we can skip that question. You may stop the interview at any time. If you have any questions about your rights, I can give you the name and telephone number of the person to contact [Dr. Diane Toebe, 786-1099]. If you have questions about this study, I can give you the name and number of the person who can answer questions about this study [Rosylnd Frazier, 786-5432]. Do you have any questions?

[IF YES: ANSWER THEIR QUESTIONS RECORD THEIR QUESTION AND YOUR RESPONSE AND CONTINUE TO THE INTERVIEW. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS, PLEASE GET A SUPERVISOR FOR ASSISTANCE.]

[IF KEY INFORMANT DOESN'T HAVE TIME FOR INTERVIEW RIGHT NOW, OR WOULD LIKE YOU TO CALL BACK LATER:]

I could conduct the interview at another time convenient for you. When would be a good time to call back?

[RECORD TIME AND DATE. GET A SPECIFIC TIME AND DAY; SUGGEST A TIME AND DAY IF RESPONDENT "DOESN'T KNOW"]

Time:

Date:

Is this the best number to reach you, or is there a better telephone number for me to reach you then?  
Telephone number:

Thank you. I will try to call back at [READ THE ABOVE TIME AND DATE].

[BEGIN INTERVIEW]

1. Is this a full service restaurant or bar in Anchorage? [full service restaurant, bar, other – specify]

- Full service restaurant
- Bar
- Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

[IF OTHER, TERMINATE THE CALL]

**Thank and Terminate [delete contact information]**

In this interview, we will only be interviewing full service restaurants and bars in Anchorage. So it looks like we won't need any further information from you at this time, but thank you for your cooperation.

2. Including yourself, how many employees work in your establishment? \_\_\_\_\_

[If "0" employees terminate the call otherwise continue]

**Thank and Terminate [delete contact information]**

In this interview, we will only be interviewing establishments with employees. So, it looks like we won't need any further information from you at this time, but thank you for your cooperation.

3. I'm going to read a list, and if you could just tell me yes or no, which of these are benefits from the passage of the Anchorage Clean Indoor Air /Smoke Free Anchorage Ordinances?

<b>Benefit</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Employee health	Yes	No
Increased customer satisfaction	Yes	No
Increased employee satisfaction	Yes	No
More new customers	Yes	No
Lower maintenance costs	Yes	No
Cleaner environment	Yes	No
Less employee sick days/employees missing less work	Yes	No

3a. Any other benefits? \_\_\_\_\_

4. How has **customer** feedback about the Anchorage Clean Indoor Air ordinances been? Our choices are very positive, somewhat positive, somewhat negative, or very negative.

- Very positive
- Somewhat positive
- Somewhat negative
- Very negative

5. How has **employee** feedback about the Anchorage Clean Indoor Air ordinances been? Our choices are very positive, somewhat positive, somewhat negative, or very negative.

- Very positive
- Somewhat positive
- Somewhat negative
- Very negative

6. How would you describe customer compliance with the Clean Indoor Air ordinance? Our choices are excellent, good, fair, or poor..

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

7. How would you describe employee compliance with the Clean Indoor Air ordinance? Our choices are excellent, good, fair, or poor..

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

8. What distance do **you** require smoking individuals to stay away from your entrances?

- 5 ft.
- 10 ft.
- 20 ft.
- 50 ft.
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

8a. Do you feel that the mandated distance for your establishment of [INSERT DISTANCE] is appropriate?

- Yes
- No

8b. What mandated distance do you feel would be most appropriate for [insert type of establishment]?

8b1. Please tell us more...

9. Would you be willing to participate in follow-up conversations about the Clean Indoor Air Ordinances?

No [IF NO GO TO END OF SURVEY]

Yes [IF YES GO TO 10]

10a. Let me confirm that your name is:

10b. What is your job title? (READ CATEGORY IF NECESSARY. ANSWER CAN BE MULTIPLE)

- Owner/proprietor/General Manger
- Bar manager/Assistant manager/Restaurant manager
- Other (specify)

10c. What is the best telephone number to reach you at?

10d. What is your email address?

These are all the questions I have. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

**Table 7. Number of Smoking-Related Complaints Received by DHHS Environmental Health program, 2007 to 2013**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Inside Public Bar or Restaurant</b>	<b>Inside Private Bar</b>	<b>Outdoor Smoke into Bar or Restaurant</b>	<b>Total Smoking-Related Complaints</b>
2007	5	7	7	64
2008	7	2	3	47
2009	6	3	2	36
2010	1	1	2	13
2011	1		1	11
2012	3	3	2	15
2013	1		2	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>183</b>

Table 7, figures ES 1 and 1 were generated from data provided by key informants from the MOA DHHS complaints data base. While the number of complaints is comprehensive, we are unable to apportion a small number of them to specific subcategories. Therefore, the number of complaints in the subcategories of inside public bar or restaurant, inside private bar, and outdoor smoke into bar or restaurant are best thought of as estimates.



# Saving Lives, Saving Money

A **state-by-state** report on the health and economic impact of comprehensive **smoke-free laws**

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# Executive Summary

Each year, tobacco use causes hundreds of thousands of premature deaths and costs billions of dollars in medical care and productivity losses in the United States. Strong tobacco control policies at the state level can help reduce the burden of tobacco use. *Saving Lives, Saving Money: A State-By-State Report on the Health and Economic Benefits of Comprehensive Smoke-Free Laws*, provides new information about the public health and economic benefits to states that implement smoke-free laws.

Comprehensive smoke-free laws reduce exposure to secondhand smoke, encourage people to quit or cut down on smoking, and prevent youth from starting to smoke. As these laws reduce smoking and secondhand smoke exposure, data show that they reduce disease and health care spending, and they improve employee productivity.

The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) commissioned leading experts to derive updated and expanded estimates for the public health benefits and economic savings in the 27 states that currently do not have a comprehensive smoke-free law in place.

The estimates show that in each of these states, a smoke-free law would result in fewer smokers, fewer smoking-related deaths, and fewer youth who become smokers. In addition, a comprehensive smoke-free law in each state would substantially reduce health care costs associated with several smoking-related diseases.

## SAVING LIVES

The data show that comprehensive smoke-free laws would decrease the number of adult smokers by tens of thousands in many states. North Carolina, for example, would have 78,100 fewer adult smokers by adopting a comprehensive law that closed the current loophole that allows smoking in non-hospitality workplaces. The results also show that nearly 400,000 fewer young people would become smokers if states without a comprehensive smoke-free law adopted one, further reducing the health and economic burden of smoking. The reduction in smoking-related deaths avoided by implementing smoke-free laws ranges from several hundred in states with smaller populations to more than 110,000 in Texas. Non-smokers' deaths would be prevented in every state that applies a smoke-free law. If each of the 27 states without a comprehensive smoke-free law had such a law in place, the following estimates of public health benefits would apply:

Adults Who Would Quit Smoking	Youth Who Would Never Start Smoking	Reduction in Smoking-Related Deaths	Reduction in Deaths of Non-smokers
1.03M	398,700	624,000	69,500

## SAVING MONEY

The total estimated savings in health care costs from adopting comprehensive smoke-free laws adds up to tens or hundreds of millions of dollars in most states. Seven states would each save at least \$80 million in spending on lung cancer, heart attacks and strokes, and pregnancy complications over five years. All together, the 27 states without a comprehensive smoke-free law currently in place could save an estimated \$1.32 billion in treatment of those conditions over five years.

Lung Cancer Treatment Savings	Heart Attack and Stroke Treatment Savings	States' Medicaid Program Savings	Smoking-Related Pregnancy Treatment Savings
\$316.11M	\$875.57M	\$42.79M	\$128.26M

Figures represent savings for both smokers and non-smokers.

## **WHAT STATES CAN DO**

There is still much work to be done – 27 states have no statewide smoke-free law in effect or have a law that does not cover all workplaces or populations. Hospitality and casino workers, who studies show are exposed to dangerous second-hand smoke on the job, continue to be denied their right to breathe smoke-free air in a large number of states. Opponents of smoke-free legislation continually battle to weaken existing laws through loopholes and exemptions, further complicating efforts to achieve the benefits of these laws. States in which some residents are covered by city or county smoke-free laws would see greater health and economic outcomes if a strong, comprehensive statewide law were implemented.

ACS CAN recommends that all states aim for statewide laws that are comprehensive and protect all workers from the dangers of secondhand smoke.



- Smoke-free laws should cover **all workplaces**.
- Venues should be **100 percent smoke-free with no exceptions**, such as allowing smoking in certain places or at certain times.
- Statewide smoke-free laws should **not preempt local authorities** from enacting stronger smoke-free laws in their jurisdictions.



## Supporters call for Alaska lawmakers to expand smoke-free workplace laws

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(SitNews) Anchorage, Alaska - Supporters of the Alaska Smoke-Free Indoor Workplace bill (SB209) sent the message to lawmakers last Thursday that it's time for Alaska to have statewide smoke-free laws. The proposed law got a hearing yesterday with the Senate State Affairs Committee at the Capitol in Juneau.

If enacted SB209 will prohibit smoking in all indoor workplaces, businesses and public spaces. Individuals who choose to smoke will have to "take it outside" in order to protect others from the effects of secondhand smoke. The bill was introduced by Senator Peter Micciche in the Senate and Representative Lindsey Holmes in the House (HB360).

A coalition of Alaskan advocacy groups - American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, American Heart Association, American Lung Association, the Alaska Native Health Board, and AARP - are urging lawmakers to vote yes for the bill, to protect the health and safety of all workers and business patrons from secondhand smoke.

Though a self-described "man of small government," Sen. Micciche testified that, "... like vehicle safety and car seats, [secondhand smoke prevention] is a public health and safety issue that government has a role in."

"More than 400 businesses and organizations have stated their support of this bill, signing resolutions that they do want smoke-free workplaces as the statewide standard," stated Sen. Micciche in his testimony.

Dr. Bob Urata, a Juneau physician and American Heart Association volunteer, testified during the hearing that the dangers of secondhand smoke are well established. "Secondhand smoke kills nearly 50,000 people in the United States every year. The 2006 U.S. Surgeon General's report found that brief secondhand smoke exposure can have an immediate adverse effect on the cardiovascular system."

Breathing secondhand smoke interferes with the normal functioning of the heart, blood, and vascular systems in ways that increase the risk of having a heart attack. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, even brief exposure to secondhand smoke can damage the lining of blood vessels and cause your blood

platelets to become stickier. These changes can cause a deadly heart attack or stroke.

SB209 would also restrict the use of controversial electronic cigarettes in indoor spaces, asking users to take it outside for the health of others. Opponents of the bill, notably the Tobacco Industry, argue that e-cigarettes do not produce smoke like traditional cigarettes and emit "harmless water vapors" instead. However, Marge Stoneking, Alaska Director of the American Lung Association, testified that, "E-cigarette secondhand aerosol has been found to contain ultrafine particulates, heavy metals, and volatile organic compounds, which are risks for lung cancer, in addition to nicotine."

Currently only half of Alaska's population is covered by a local smoke-free workplace law. The bill passed out of committee and will be heard again on Monday in the Senate Health and Social Services Committee.

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Michelle Sparck

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We take our smoke-free air for granted, until it is in our face, or more disturbingly, in our children's faces. We all have a right to the expectation of smoke-free air.

My father, Harold Murray Sparck, was a natural resources consultant. From 1969 on, he worked tirelessly to build up the first grassroots environmental movement to represent Native interests as stakeholders in resource exploration and exploitation, namely for the Yup'ik / Cup'ik of the Yukon Kuskokwim Delta, but also for other demographics of the coastal and interior areas of the state. With Nunam Kitlutsisti (Stewards of the Land), the Association of Village Council Presidents, the Bering Sea Fishermen's Association, the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, the State of Alaska and the Alaska Board of Fisheries, Alaska Board of Game, the Mink Festival, the Community Development Quotas, and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, my father and many of his contemporaries subjected themselves to thousands of hours in meetings as engaged citizens and advocates. In those days, my father had to endure rooms full of secondhand smoke for as much as 10 hours a day in marathon meetings. He'd come home from a trip, and his luggage and clothing would reek of smoke.

Unable to shake a cough, my father got an X-ray, revealing both lungs riddled with tumors. This was only a few weeks after his 51st birthday. The doctors gave him two weeks to live. He rallied enough to settle his affairs, but he died 10 weeks after diagnosis. My father was not a smoker.

The state of Alaska currently does not have a strong smoke-free law. However, many communities have passed strong local laws. The City of Bethel was one of the first communities to opt for a smoke-free law, three years after his death, in 1998. Anchorage, Klawock and Haines Borough have passed 100 percent smoke-free laws that cover all workplaces, including all restaurants and bars. It is still too much that only half of Alaska's population is covered by a current smoke-free workplace law. No one should have to choose between their health and a good working environment.

We need legislation to combat this workplace threat. Secondhand smoke is a major cause of needless, preventable suffering and death. And it isn't only cancer we need to worry about; non-smokers exposed to secondhand smoke increase their risk of heart disease and lung cancer by up to 30 percent. Ventilation and other "air-cleaning" methods cannot scrub the damage that secondhand smoke causes. Comprehensive smoke-free workplace policies are the only effective way to eliminate secondhand smoke exposure in the workplace. We know enough now about the dangers of smoking, and secondhand smoke, to do something about our workplace health.

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**Suzanna Caldwell** <sup>[1]</sup>

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**No-smoking sign in bar** <sup>[2]</sup>

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Workplace smoking bans are in effect in Alaska communities that comprise about half the state's population. Proponents of a statewide ban have a bill in the Legislature, but opponents have been vocal in their testimony against the proposed law.

For more than a decade, anti-smoking advocates have fought to make workplaces smoke-free. They started small, working at the local level, steadfastly bringing indoor smoking bans first to Bethel in 1998, and then slowly but surely to other communities in Alaska. In all those years, they've managed to cover about half of the state's population.

But advocates say they've done about all they can when it comes to regulating smoking at the local level, and now it's time to think bigger -- statewide big.

Tuesday the Alaska House Health and Social Services committee heard House Bill 360 -- sponsored by Anchorage Rep. Lindsey Holmes -- which would prohibit smoking in indoor workplaces. It's the furthest a statewide workplace smoking ban has made its way through the Legislature, something that in some ways has been intentional, according to Mike Gutierrez, Alaska grassroots relationship manager for the Alaska American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network.

"This is the first time we've felt like we had the ability to have a bill introduced, much less get one passed," he said.

It's been a slow build, focusing on education and getting smoking laws passed in individual Alaska communities. Since the first ban in Bethel, smaller communities like Valdez, Unalakleet, Dillingham, Haines and Palmer have passed them, as have larger ones -- including bans covering the 30,000 residents of the state's capital in Juneau, along with Anchorage, Alaska's largest city and home to about a third of the state's population.

But even with those bans, plenty of other Alaskans are not covered. Second-class boroughs, like the Matanuska-Susitna, Kenai Peninsula and Fairbanks North Star borough do not have health powers and cannot implement smoking bans borough-wide. The unorganized borough, which includes 70,000 Alaskans and communities like Dillingham, Unalaska and Cordova, also cannot enact a smoking ban. The Legislature is supposed to serve as the governing body for the borough, though such a meeting has never been held in more than 50 years of statehood. A statewide ban would cover those communities and "level the playing field," Gutierrez said.

Marge Stoneking, Alaska director of the American Lung Association, has been with the organization for the last 10 years and watched that slow and steady change towards greater acceptance of smoking bans.

She noted that the Anchorage ban, first passed in 2001 and again with a second, more comprehensive version in 2006, has really helped change attitudes in Alaska. That wasn't immediately clear, she said, until Anchorage residents turned down a voter initiative that would amend some of the more comprehensive elements of the law by an overwhelming majority (76 percent came out against the initiative). Stoneking said that turnout showed a marked change.

"That was huge in terms that people get it and (smoke-free workplaces) are important to them," she said.

She also noted that a University of Alaska Anchorage Institute of Social and Economic Research report found overwhelming support from local businesses in Anchorage that have gone smoke-free. It also noted that in the years since the ban, no citations have actually been written against the law. So far, more than 400 businesses across the state have signed pledges in support of smoke-free workplaces, from large corporations like Doyon Ltd. to smaller "mom and pop" stores.

"That's a good indication that this just is accepted," Stoneking said.

That's something that Holmes, the bill's sponsor, acknowledged. She called the bill the "take it outside" bill, and noted it only applies to workplaces and that as far as she can find, the law is mostly "self-policing."

"Which is the best kind, as far as I'm concerned," she said.

### **Opposition testimony strong**

In the hearing, however, many citizens came out in opposition of the bill. Many were against the the inclusion of e-cigarettes in the bill, saying science has not shown whether the vapor devices are dangerous. Even before, owners of a smoke shop in Soldotna created a [YouTube video opposing](#) <sup>[3]</sup> the Senate version of the bill.

Angela Carroll, owner of Glacier Vapors, an e-cigarette store in Palmer, said a big part of her business comes down to "try before you buy." If the law passes, it will undoubtedly affect her business.

"It will kill the shops," she testified. "Why not give vaping a chance?"

Dale Fox, the president and CEO of Alaska CHARR, the cabaret, hotel, restaurant and retail association, testified against the bill. He said a ban on smoking is essentially a ban on bars. People choose to go into bars, he said, and bars should be able to make the choice to have or not have smoking. He said while anti-smoking proponents have invested in ad campaigns saying non-smoking policies are good for business, he's heard that some establishments have lost up to 30 percent of their businesses when smoking bans are enacted.

"If legislators think less government is better, they will not vote for this bill," he said.

Citing the lateness in the day, the committee kept testimony open on the bill but cut it off after only a few Alaskans spoke, to continue on a later date.

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[Cigarette butts](#) <sup>[2]</sup>

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About half of Alaska residents are protected by workplace smoking bans, but a new movement hopes to get that up to 100 percent by increasing education efforts.

About half of Alaska's population lives in a community with a workplace smoking ban, but the other half doesn't. While that's a good sign for supporters of smoke-free workplaces in Alaska, there's been a push in recent years to make things even better for them.

That's why organizations like the American Lung Association and American Cancer Society are pushing for a statewide smoke-free workplace law in the 49th state.

Nationally, 30 states and the District of Columbia have statewide workplace smoking bans. In Alaska, roughly a dozen communities have bans of their own. The Municipality of Anchorage, home to about 300,000 people -- a little less than half of the state's population -- has a smoking ban. There's also one covering the 30,000 people who live in Juneau, the state capital. Even smaller communities like Bethel, Valdez, Unalakleet, Dillingham, Haines and [Palmer have instituted bans](#) <sup>[3]</sup> in recent years.

Those have been good first steps, but Emily Nenen, Alaska government relations director with the American Cancer Society's Cancer Action Network, said that's about all most Alaska communities can do when it comes to smoking bans. While some smaller cities could institute bans under their city's charters, some of the state's most populated boroughs -- including the Fairbanks North Star, Matanuska-Susitna and Kenai Peninsula - - do not have the power to manage public health. Without health powers, a borough cannot implement a ban.

"We've gotten about as far as we can get with the powers that they have," Nenen said.

That's creating a disparity. In the Mat-Su, for example, the city of Palmer has a ban, but the city only encompasses five square miles of the borough's 25,000 square miles. Businesses outside the city are welcome to allow to smoking under the current law, meaning customers don't have to travel far if they want to smoke.

But instituting health powers are a bit of a Catch-22 for borough assemblies. While they could decide to have health powers -- usually through voter referendum -- those can come with more responsibilities than simply a smoking ban, Nenen said.

"(Boroughs) are more interested in the state creating that level playing field," she said.

Plus, there's the entire unorganized borough, which consists of about 70,000 of the state's residents. While many communities in that borough have signed on as having smoke-free workplaces, most of the smaller ones have not.

So in an effort to get the law moving, the smoke-free Alaska campaign is looking to increase public awareness and drum up support.

At an Anchorage Chamber of Commerce Make It Monday luncheon in an effort to court support from Anchorage businesses, Nenon pointed out that American Cancer Society study found that Alaska would save \$5.04 million in treatment for lung cancer and heart illnesses due to smoking in the first five years of a statewide ban. Of that, half a million would be Medicaid savings.

Marge Stoneking, Alaska director of the American Lung Association in Anchorage, said studies show that when smoking bans are put in place, business either remains flat or increases. An Alaska Department of Health and Social Services [study in 2012](#) [4] found that one in five bar patrons in Anchorage and Juneau found themselves visiting bars more often once smoking bans were in place.

"It shows that businesses can be smoke-free without hurting the bottom line," she said.

So far, 350 businesses and community groups in Alaska have come out in support of the smoking ban.

While buzz is still building for the statewide effort -- and has been building for years -- no legislation has been introduced yet that would create a state ban.

Nenon thinks the reason may be that so many people live in communities with smoking bans is that they forget other places lack them. She encouraged people to contact their legislators or to sign a resolution of support for a smoke-free Alaska.

With all the studies noting the benefits of smoke-free workplaces, Nenon said the biggest issue moving forward will be making sure people understand the benefits of the law. Since Anchorage passed its smoking ban in 2007, she said, no tickets have been issued to violators. Incidents have been handled with simple phone calls or letters reminding people about how the law works.

"If the laws are well understood, enforcement is easy," she said.

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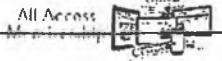
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# Hospital CEO supports 'take it outside' legislation

Posted: March 6, 2014 - 9:40am

By Rick Davis

CEO, Central Peninsula Hospital

I have watched the smoke-free campaign make significant ground over the last several years. As a healthcare professional, I would be remiss if I didn't support a proposed law that would prohibit smoking in all indoor workplaces, businesses and public places. Of course the reason this legislation is being proposed is to prevent non-smokers from being exposed to second hand smoke. We now have plenty of science to support the fact that second hand smoke is dangerous. Just look up The Health Consequences of Smoking report. It's all there; I don't need to recite facts and figures as we all now know that smoking is a major threat to our public health.

I know we do things differently up here in Alaska and don't want or need anyone telling us what to do. Asking people to "take it outside" is a reasonable compromise to protect other people's health from the effects of second hand smoke. Much of Alaska has already adopted similar smoke-free laws but many areas remain in Alaska where they do not have health powers to enact such a law. The legislation introduced doesn't prohibit smokers from being hired or anything like that. They will just have to "take it outside" and away from an entrance or air intake.

We have enacted a smoke-free campus policy at our hospital and it was received well upon implementation. I suspect businesses that will be required to go smoke-free under the proposed legislation will enjoy the same results. People will thank you, just as they did at our hospital. This is not a Republican or Democrat issue, it's a health issue. Please support House Bill 360 and Senate Bill 209.

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## **We have the best fresh air in the nation**

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To the editor:

I can't express enough how nice it is to be able to breathe clean, smoke-free air in my town, thanks to our local smoke-free ordinance.

For the first time in 40 years we are now dining out in a couple of the local bars that have good food and clean air. I know they appreciate the extra business and I am spreading the word to my friends and customers about their new opportunities here in their own town. If you don't have to drive to the next town or all the way to the city for dinner, you just cut your carbon emissions — good for your health and the planet — and you just beefed up your local economy and saved time. Smoke-free is exponentially good for a healthy body and a healthy economy!

But what about e-cigarettes? They might seem innocuous as they are odorless and don't fill up ashtrays, but they do pollute the air for nonsmokers. If you sprayed fragrance-free hair spray in a public space you would be polluting the air around you with a barrage of chemicals that could cause an allergic reaction in some folks. E-cigarettes are much the same with the exception that studies have shown some to contain carcinogens and nicotine in their emissions. Without some form of regulation we have no way of knowing if the brand used by a patron is polluting our breathing space with these emissions. That kind of regulation is a federal issue.

We can help prevent this problem by establishing smoke-free regulations at the state level and set a standard for local legislation to follow.

No one wants to breathe in carcinogens. Nicotine? It's an addictive substance that people have a choice to burden themselves with. But the public air space belongs to people who have a choice not to breathe their pollution. Please consider regulations to treat e-cigarettes as we do tobacco-based cigarettes. If the state buildings are smoke-free, why shouldn't the state provide comprehensive regulations for a smoke-free Alaska? We have the best fresh air in the nation.

Brooke G. Heppinstall

Palmer

## Lung health groups hoping to breathe fresh air into Alaska

By Weston Morrow [wmorrow@newsminer.com](mailto:wmorrow@newsminer.com) | Posted: Monday, March 24, 2014 12:00 am

*An earlier version of this article stated the American Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation was lobbying for the legislation when it is actually the organization's lobbying arm, Americans for Nonsmoker's Rights.*

**FAIRBANKS** — The American Lung Association and Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights are teaming up in an effort to bring an end to second-hand smoke deaths.

The two organizations are cooperating to help push legislation through the state legislature that would ban smoking in commercial establishments throughout the state. Such prohibitions exist in certain municipalities already, such as Anchorage, but for the vast majority of the state, including Fairbanks, there is no sweeping ban.

Smoking is prohibited statewide in certain areas already, such as school grounds and in many workplaces, but not in restaurants and bars. The Lung Association and American's for Nonsmoker's Rights feel restaurants and bars should not be treated as exceptions to the workplace bans.

“We want to protect the health of everyone and think that everyone has the right to breathe smoke-free air, especially if you’re working indoors,” said Octavia Harris, health education manager for the Lung Association’s Fairbanks office.

The state legislation, HB 360 and SB 209, were both filed in their respective houses Feb. 26. The bills have support from both sides of the aisle, with cosponsors from each party, a positive sign for the legislation’s supporters.

The bill’s supporters claim to have the backing of more than 400 Alaska businesses and more than 75 Alaska Native groups.

Time is running short for the bill, however. The 28th legislature ends midway through April, and any bills not passed by then will have to be reintroduced and run through the legislative process in the 29th legislature. In the Senate, the bill sits in the state affairs committee awaiting a hearing. In the House, it was referred to the health and social services committee, where it is scheduled for a hearing at 3 p.m. Tuesday.

The Lung Association just recently opened a branch in Fairbanks in the fall. The organization has had a presence in Alaska for several years but previously only had its office in Anchorage.

Harris said that, for an area like Fairbanks North Star Borough, which doesn't have the authority to enact health requirements such as a smoking ban, the statewide law is especially important.

"A lot of people thought that we were already smoke-free in a lot of places and were surprised to find that there were a number of places that were not," Harris said.

Char Day, program manager for the American Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation, said that she has to limit the places she can go in places like Fairbanks so as not to trigger her asthma.

"Normally, I don't have to worry about where I go, but here I have to be aware so much of where I go," Day said, "and it would just be wonderful to be able to go anywhere indoors in the state of Alaska and not worry about having an asthma attack."

Harris and Day said they don't believe the ban would be an intrusion on people's rights. They don't want to force anyone to stop smoking, they said, but to do so outside if they must smoke.

"It's about making a choice that is going to be best for everyone, not just one or two individuals," Harris said when asked if they felt it was reasonable to expect smokers to go outside in places like the Interior during winter.

"It's not about the smoker. It's about the smoke, and it's about simply asking them to take it outside."

*Contact staff writer Weston Morrow at 459-7520. Follow him on Twitter:*

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## Supports statewide smoke-free workplace

Posted: Monday, March 24, 2014 11:59 pm

To the editor:

As a health practitioner in the Valley, I am in support of passage of a statewide smoke-free workplace law to protect all Alaskans from the dangers of secondhand smoke. This proposed bill is part of the current legislative session. According to the 2014 Surgeon General's report "The Health Consequences of Smoking," the science is clear. There is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke.

Those who choose to smoke do so freely and willingly. Most smokers understand the risks associated with that choice. But those who are exposed to secondhand smoke in the workplace, many of whom have limited employment options, can suffer from the same consequences as the smoker.

The inclusion of e-cigarettes in this law is an important element. There is no scientific evidence showing that they are safe or that they can help smokers quit. A 2009 study done by the FDA found cancer-causing substances in several of the e-cigarette samples tested. Additionally, Food and Drug Administration tests found nicotine in some e-cigarettes that claimed to contain no nicotine. Extensive study is needed on these relatively new products before they should be considered safe. At this point, much of the research suggests that they are not safe at all.

Unfortunately, I see the long-term effects of smoking and secondhand smoke in people of all ages. These are preventable conditions that increase health care costs to non-smokers and smokers. In fact, many of the chronic diseases in my practice that I see today are the result of lifestyle choices we make each and every day. The elimination of smoke in our workplaces and public spaces is one way we can make a very large positive impact on health and healthcare for our future.

Please join me in urging our Valley legislative delegation to pass a statewide smoke-free workplace law this year.

Jill K. Valerius, MD

Palmer

**Sen. Peter Micciche**

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**From:** Betty MacTavish <mactavish.betty@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 06, 2014 3:57 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** SB209

Thank you Senator Micciche for promoting SB 209.

There was concern stated in the HSS public hearing that the Pioneer Homes should be exempted from the outdoor smoking areas with 50 feet from the doorways. Testimony gave the example of the unfortunate death of an Anchorage resident that went out to smoke. I want to point out that the woman might have left the facility for a myriad of reasons. The incident was investigated and a number of procedural issues were addressed including resident supervision. The issue was not that she was a smoker.

At the Pioneer Home that the gentleman from Sitka was representing has 2 smokers and 60+ nonsmokers where they have a smoking room within the facility. I do not want to, or have family members, go to a Pioneer Home where they allow Smoking in the facility. The residents are elderly with compromised health that are susceptible to respiratory illnesses, if they are not on oxygen already.

My recommendation to you is not to exempt the Pioneer Homes.  
Allow the exemption for stand alone smoke shops and stand alone e-cig stores.

Sincerely,  
Betty MacTavish  
Kodiak, Alaska

**DOYON, LIMITED**

**BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2014-20**

**SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR SMOKEFREE ALASKA**

WHEREAS, Alaska Natives have the highest rate of tobacco use in the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, tobacco use is the leading preventable cause of disease and death in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, numerous studies have found that tobacco smoke is a major contributor to indoor air pollution and that breathing secondhand smoke is a cause of disease in healthy nonsmokers, including heart disease, stroke, respiratory disease and lung cancer; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 U.S. Surgeon General's Report, "How Tobacco Smoke Causes Disease," determined that even occasional exposure to secondhand smoke is harmful; and

WHEREAS, approximately half of Alaska's population is not protected by a smokefree workplace law; and

WHEREAS, smokefree workplace laws protect people from secondhand smoke, reduce tobacco use overall and reduce health care costs; and

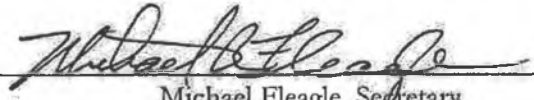
WHEREAS, all Alaskans have the right to breathe smokefree air; and

WHEREAS, smokefree workplaces enhance the mission of Doyon, Limited, to promote the economic and social well-being of its shareholders; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Doyon, Limited wishes to support the passage of a comprehensive, smoke-free indoor workplaces law by the Alaska State Legislature.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Doyon, Limited supports the passage of a comprehensive, smoke-free indoor workplace law by the State of Alaska to protect all Alaskans from the dangers of secondhand smoke.

ADOPTED and DATED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2014 at Fairbanks, Alaska.

  
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Michael Fleagle, Secretary  
Doyon, Limited



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*Transmitted via email*

March 3, 2014

Terry Snyder  
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Dear Terry:

Please find attached a copy of Doyon, Limited Board Resolution 2014-20, Support for Smokefree Alaska. Several of Doyon's subsidiary board of directors adopted identical resolutions supporting the passage of a smoke free workplaces law in Alaska. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Aaron Schutt  
President and CEO



# ALASKA ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS

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March 18, 2014

Re: Senate Bill 209

Dear Senator Micciche:

According to the CDC, tobacco use is the leading preventable cause of illness, disability and death in the United States. The number of deaths (more than 400,000 annually) caused by tobacco use is greater than the combined number of deaths due to AIDS, alcohol, automobile accidents, murders, suicides, drugs and fires. But the harmful effects of smoking extend beyond the smoker. Secondhand smoke exposure causes serious disease and death, including heart disease and lung cancer in nonsmoking adults and sudden infant death syndrome, respiratory and ear infections, and more frequent and severe asthma attacks in children. Each year in the United States, exposure to secondhand smoke causes an estimated 3,000 lung cancer deaths and 46,000 heart disease deaths. The Surgeon General recommends eliminating smoking from all indoor areas to protect people from exposure. There is evidence that policies that prohibit smoking in all indoor areas lead to better health for nonsmokers and encourage smokers to quit. Jurisdictions that have implemented smoke-free policies have reported a decrease in hospitalizations for heart attacks. As of January 2014, 28 states have enacted statewide bans on smoking in all enclosed public places. While we note there are exceptions in many of these bans, as also exist in Senate Bill 209, and also that Senate Bill 209 includes so-called electronic cigarettes, the extent of harm from which is as yet undetermined, we support the goal of Senate Bill 209 to protect Alaskans from secondhand smoke and encourage them to become smoke-free.

Sincerely,

Marin Granholm, M.D.  
President  
Alaska Academy of Family Physicians



## Alaska Dental Society

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January 13, 2014

Ken Helander  
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Dear Ken,

The Alaska Dental Society is pleased to offer our full support of legislation filed that would introduce a statewide smoke-free workplace ban. With the mountains of evidence now of the detrimental effects of secondhand smoke, no Alaskan should be subjected to such a well known health hazard in their place of employment. We applaud all the communities that have been able to institute such a ban and are 100% behind making the jump to a statewide ban on smoking in the workplace.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather A. Willis".

Dr. Heather A. Willis  
Alaska Dental Society President

## Resolution of Support for Smokefree Alaska

Whereas, Secondhand smoke contains more than 7,000 chemicals, including at least 69 of which are known to cause cancer<sup>1</sup>, including formaldehyde, benzene, vinyl chloride, arsenic, ammonia and hydrogen cyanide<sup>2</sup>, and people who are exposed to secondhand smoke are inhaling many of the same cancer-causing substances and poisons as smokers<sup>3</sup>; and

Whereas, Numerous studies have found that tobacco smoke is a major contributor to indoor air pollution and that breathing secondhand smoke is a cause of disease in healthy nonsmokers<sup>4</sup>, including heart disease, stroke, respiratory disease and lung cancer<sup>2</sup>; and

Whereas, The 2006 U.S. Surgeon General's Report, "*The Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke*," concluded that there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke; ventilation and other air cleaning technologies cannot eliminate exposure of nonsmokers to secondhand smoke; and smokefree workplace policies are the only effective way to eliminate secondhand smoke exposure in the workplace<sup>4</sup>; and

Whereas, The 2010 U.S. Surgeon General's Report, "*How Tobacco Smoke Causes Disease*," determined that even occasional exposure to secondhand smoke is harmful<sup>5</sup>; and

Whereas, For every nine smokers who die, one nonsmoker dies from exposure to secondhand smoke<sup>6</sup>; and

Whereas, Approximately half of Alaska's population is not protected by a smokefree workplace law<sup>7</sup>; and

Whereas, Among those who work primarily indoors, young adults aged 18 to 29 are significantly less likely to be protected by a smokefree indoor workplace policy than other Alaskan adults<sup>8</sup>; and

Whereas, Research in communities where smokefree laws have been adopted has consistently shown neutral or positive economic effects to the hospitality industry following a smokefree workplace requirement<sup>9</sup>; and

Whereas, Smokefree workplace laws protect people from secondhand smoke<sup>4</sup>, reduce tobacco use overall and reduce health care costs<sup>6</sup>; and

Whereas, all Alaskans have the right to breathe smokefree air;

THEREFORE, we, the undersigned support a law in Alaska to make all workplaces 100% smokefree to protect the health and safety of all workers and visitors from the dangers of secondhand smoke.

Organization: Alaska Dental Society

Signature: 

Name: David Nielson DDS

Title: Executive Director ADS

**Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** Mike Gordon <gomntmike@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 07, 2014 4:40 PM  
**To:** Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. Pete Higgins; Rep. Lance Pruitt; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Geran Tarr;  
Rep. Benjamin Nageak; Sen. Bert Stedman; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Pete Kelly; Sen.  
Johnny Ellis; Sen. Kevin Meyer  
**Subject:** HB360 and SB209

Dear Senators and Representatives:

Nobody should have to choose between their health and their job. We've successfully eliminated the problem in the bar and restaurant business and there's no reason why it shouldn't be eliminated elsewhere.

Please lend your support and keep HB360 and SB209 moving through committee. It's incumbent upon us, one and all, to do what we can to forestall the insidious, senseless scourge second-hand smoke from among our ranks.

I for one have been around long enough to see common sense through the fog of purported individual rights. Please do the right thing move these sensible measures.

Thank you,

Mike Gordon, President  
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# Dalrymple Law, P.C.

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April 7, 2014

**Via Email Only**

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Dear Senator Dyson and Representative Stoltze:

I understand that various committees will be taking testimony on SB209 and HB360 on the Smoke Free Workplaces initiative. Since I will be out of state for part of the week, I wanted to make sure to get my comments to you in writing on this important issue.

As a Palmer community volunteer, business owner, and parent, I am proud and grateful for the example Palmer has set for the rest of the state on the importance of making health a priority, and showing that doing so is economically sustainable. We need to protect employees and customers from the dangers of second-hand smoke on a state-wide level. As a business owner, I want my employees and clients to enjoy a business environment free of dangerous carcinogens. No one should have to take health risks in order to make a living.

The Smoke Free Workplaces initiative is important to me as a parent who travels with my children to unincorporated areas in the state. Last year, a friend invited us to her lodge to help with and watch the Copper Basin 300 dog sled race. Having never been there before, I was concerned to find that the only restaurant was in the same area of the building as the bar where both employees and guests were smoking. I could not subject my kids to those health risks, we cut our trip short, and have not returned. No one should have to take health risks in order to enjoy Alaska's businesses, restaurants, bars, lodges and tourism opportunities.

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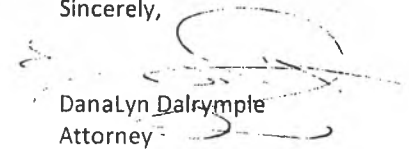
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Senator Fred Dyson  
Representative Bill Stoltz  
April 7, 2014  
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I am also concerned about the unknown risks of e-cigarettes. Without uniform regulation and testing, I do not want my children exposed to e-cigarette emissions any more than I want them exposed to second-hand smoke. Any amount of exposure to nicotine or carcinogens is too much for my kids and should be too much for our hard-working employees and customers too.

I fully support everyone's right to breathe smoke-free air and time is of the essence for the state to make smoke-free Alaska a reality.

Sincerely,

  
DanaLyn Dalrymple  
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**Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** pburns@humpys.com  
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**To:** Sen. Bert Stedman; Sen. Peter Micciche; SEN.KEVIN.MEYER@AKLEG.COV; Sen. Pete Kelly; Sen. Johnny Ellis  
**Subject:** Smoking Ban Proposal  
**Attachments:** Smoking ban legi.docx

Please push through the smoking ban.... Whether or not people want to argue over if it is good or bad for businesses the ultimate goal is the health of Alaskans. We need your leadership on this.

Please read my attached letter and consider it

Regards,

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Esteemed Legislators,

I have thought long and hard about the proposal before you that concerns the banning of smoking within all places of work in the state of Alaska. In doing so I realized that my beliefs may be somewhat contrary to others in our industry. My perspective on the proposal is unique in the sense that I have seen the effects of second hand smoke as well as smoking related illnesses on families firsthand.

Hopefully my story doesn't bore you and you can stay with me to the end.....I was born in 1971, for 27 years of my adult life my father smoked cigarettes, sometimes 2 packs a day in the presence of all of our family including my two older brothers. During that time the effects of smoking weren't as known as they currently are. When I was 27 my father ceased smoking, he finally realized the damage that it was doing to him and those around him. To this day I believe that his intent was to hopefully somehow reverse the effects of his many years of smoking, even if just minimally, he wanted to improve his quality of life.

In September of 2002 I went to the doctor for a checkup complaining of numbness in my leg. I arrived at the office early in the morning, within 4 hours I had received an x-ray, cat scan, and MRI. After another additional hour I was finally called into the office by my Dr., the words that he uttered to me seemingly paralyzed me. Pete, I have bad news and worse news. Shocked I asked "What?". His response was " I believe you have cancer and we do not have the facilities here to treat you." Over the next 30 minutes he proceeded to show me images of growths in my body that had been located. He then stated that Alaska currently does not have an Orthopedic Oncologist which meant my treatment would have to take place somewhere else. As he proceeded to arrange treatments for me in Seattle at the Fred Hutchison Cancer Center and Seattle Cancer Care Alliance I composed myself for the hardest phone call that I had ever made at that point in my life. I remember attempting to compose myself prior to making the call, it was hard. I proceeded to get my parents on the phone. Upon stating to them that my doctor believed I had cancer my father uttered one phrase, "I'm sorry". My mother and my wheelchair bound father drove nonstop from Memphis to Seattle to be there when I arrived. Over the next 4 months I underwent many tests, treatments and prodding from the team at the hospitals in Seattle. On Nov 24, which happened to be my father's birthday my cancer was determined to be in remission in by medical team after rounds of treatments and surgeries. Talk about a humbling experience, I spent all of my time in a hotel in Seattle specifically set up for people undergoing treatments. Shuttles left every 15 minutes to take residents to treatments at the hospitals. After that experience you never seem to complain about the normal aches and pains of living.....I continue to still go for checkups to ensure that everything is within good parameter with my body...Before you think it, I never smoked anything in my life.

On May 15<sup>th</sup> 2009 I received a call from my mom saying she had taken my father to the hospital in Knoxville due to him experiencing pain and difficulty breathing. She said she would call me after the doctor saw him. When she did she informed me that the doctor determined that he had COPD and advanced emphysema. She stated that they felt it was best for us (my brothers and I) to get back to Tennessee soon since they weren't sure how he would respond to treatment. It took approximately 18 hours for me to get back through a hodgepodge of flights. Upon arriving in Knoxville the next night my brothers stopped me prior to entering his room. They informed me that he had already been given his "last rites" and that I should not expect him to make it through the night. My father never did anything the easy way. He hung on til July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Over that time I learned the cumulative effects of his smoking. His lung capacity decreased to less than 5%. He never breathed on his own after his admittance. Upon his admittance he weighed 175lbs, upon his death 85. I did not recognize my father at the end, that was hard, but knowing the suffering that he went through was the hardest. You never wish death on anyone, however, at the end, I just wanted my father to be at peace.

Fast forward to today, I have no family but I am lucky enough to work alongside over 120 employees here at Humpy's, Flattop, and Sub Zero. I can not ever imagine where it would ever be okay to subject them to an environment to where they might be impacted by the effects of smoking. I thoroughly understand the argument that government should not infringe on business owners rights. However, the rights of the employees and their immediate families should never be ignored. Smoking related illnesses will happen regardless of whether or not you pass the proposal, but doing your part to limit the exposure that workers have in their place of work is imperative. I implore you to keep it outside. Make no mistake, I do not have any issues with smokers unless they don't pick up their butts, I get it, it is an addiction like many things.

Ever since we have been smoke free we have noticed many things. First off we have noticed there are less employees with coughing related illnesses which in turn leads to less sick days and more productivity which makes the business better off financially. I can assure you our carpets and upholstery smell better as well. And being that we are known for great food and beer, I can assure you that our chefs are putting out a product that more people enjoy, great Alaskan seafood. I'm sure there will be dissenting opinions to mine, as I said, I have a unique perspective. Laws will never be perfect and they will be universally viewed as positive but they can be inherently for the betterment of the people. This is one of those times where making the tough decision is actually the easiest decision and smartest. In the end this law will not only protect people but save the State and its constituents millions on treatment for smoke related illnesses.

*"KEEP IT OUTSIDE!"*

Respectfully,

Pete Burns

*"Head Dishwasher"*

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## **Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** Helander, Ken <khelander@aarp.org>  
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**To:** Sen. Bert Stedman  
**Cc:** Sen. Kevin Meyer; Sen. Pete Kelly; Sen. Johnny Ellis; Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Smoke-free workplaces - time for support

Dear Senator Stedman,

The time for smoke-free workplaces across Alaska has come and the time for any delay is over. With less than two weeks left in this legislative session, action is needed right now. Today, April 9, SB 209 will be heard in the Senate Health and Social Services Committee. It is critical to the health of thousands of Alaskan workers that this bill moves forward quickly. This bill does not take away anyone's free choice to smoke, but rather protects others from the unwanted health consequences of that choice. Everyone deserves the right to breathe fresh, smoke-free air.

As the bills move forward your support will be greatly appreciated. The clock is ticking but there is still time to pass this life-saving legislation this session! Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,

Ken Helander

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## Mindy Rowland

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**From:** Elizabeth Ripley <eripley@healthymatsu.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 07, 2014 9:33 AM  
**To:** Sen. Bert Stedman; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Kevin Meyer; Sen. Pete Kelly; Sen. Johnny Ellis  
**Subject:** Mat-Su Health Foundation support for SB 209  
**Attachments:** House Bill 360\_SB 209 Resolution of Support.pdf; Resolution of Support for Smokefree Alaska copy.pdf

Dear Chairman Stedman and Members of the Committee:

In 2013, the Mat-Su Health Foundation completed a Mat-Su Community Health Needs Assessment, where we documented the prevalence of chronic lower respiratory disease along with smoking. Smoking contributes to the occurrence of chronic lower respiratory disease. Almost 23% of Mat-Su adults reported smoking in 2011, nearly double the Healthy People 2020 Goal for adults of 12%. Nevertheless, the percentage of Mat-Su adults smoking in 2011 was significantly lower than the 29.7% reported in the years 2000-2001. Among Mat-Su adults aged 65 or older, 12.2% were active smokers in 2011. The Mat-Su chronic lower respiratory disease death rate was 48.7 per 100,000 people during 2007-2009. The chronic lower respiratory disease rate decreased 25% from 1999-2001 to 2007-2009. So we're making progress!

Nonetheless, we must be vigilant about applying environmental strategies to further reduce smoking rates and also the prevalence of preventable chronic lower respiratory diseases. Clean indoor air legislation is an environmental strategy. It changes the environment of public spaces and of businesses to improve air quality for business owners, employees and their clientele.

There has been a great deal of testimony in regard to e-cigarettes and many people are not quoting real studies or sources. Some people testified that e-cigarettes are a smoking cessation tool. To the contrary, this is what we know:

- Electronic cigarettes have not been shown to be effective for smoking cessation (Journal of the American Medical Association, March 24, 2014) and have not been approved by the FDA as smoking cessation aids.
- Most smokers who use them while they tried to quit either became hooked on "vaping" or reverted back to smoking cigarettes (Journal of the American Medical Association, 2013).
- Those who are looking to stop smoking can turn to many FDA-approved medications that have been shown to be safe and effective for this purpose.

Some people testified that e-cigarettes have no risk to non-smokers. Here's what we know:

E-cigarettes are a nicotine-delivery system, highly addictive and ultimately harmful because of their nicotine. While they do not produce secondhand smoke, e-cigarettes do produce secondhand vapor. Although manufacturers say it is water vapor and therefore harmless, they haven't conducted the research necessary to prove this. We have not identified everything that is in e-cigarette formulas. People should not be subjected to secondhand vapor smoke until manufacturers have proven it to be safe for everyone, including *children, pregnant women, the elderly, and people with certain medical conditions.*

One study found that vaping worsened indoor air quality, specifically by increasing the concentration of nicotine, particulate matter, PAHs and aluminum – compounds that have been linked to lung and cardiovascular disease and cancer (International Journal of Hygiene and Environmental Health, 2013)

Repeated exposure to nicotine could result in nicotine addiction or cardiovascular toxicity (Journal of Addiction Medicine, January 8 2014).

The idea that we should “trust” the tobacco companies to tell us the truth and protect us from harm is preposterous. They stand on a legacy of lies and equivocations. For decades, the tobacco industry marketed their products to kids until that became illegal through regulation. The majority of current smokers started smoking before the age of 18. These same companies are now marketing e-cigarettes to kids with fruit, cherry-cola, candy cane, chocolate and caramel-flavored brands through Facebook and Instagram—because e-cigarette use and marketing has not yet been regulated. Suggesting that e-cigarettes are effective for smoking cessation will potentially reintroduce the social norm that smoking/nicotine is safe and acceptable—*not the message we want our kids to hear.* Again, it pays these companies to hook kids on e-cigarettes, because once addicted, they will buy them for years and years unless they manage to kick the addiction.

Also due to current lack of regulation, manufacturers of e-cigarettes may not adequately disclose all the chemicals in them.

**We need to protect the public now—not later—and ensure that SB209 passes and applies to e-cigarettes as well as other oral smoking devices as defined within the bill. The Mat-Su Health Foundation fully supports SB209 and encourages you to expedite its passage. Attached is a Resolution documenting this support. We appreciate your endorsement of this bill, which will have a profound impact on the health of Alaskans.**

*Elizabeth Ripley, Executive Director*

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## **Resolution in Support of Eliminating Secondhand Smoke in Workplaces and Public Places**

**Whereas**, the 2006 Surgeon General's Report Found overwhelming evidence that secondhand smoke exposure is a risk to anyone<sup>i</sup> and that the Surgeon General of the United States stated that "The scientific evidence is now indisputable: secondhand smoke is not a mere annoyance. It is a serious health hazard"<sup>ii</sup>; and

**Whereas**, secondhand smoke is a leading cause of preventable death in the United States, causing deaths of more than 50,000 Americans per year<sup>iii</sup> and an estimated 120 Alaska adults<sup>iv</sup>; and

**Whereas**, the Environmental Protection Agency classified secondhand tobacco smoke as a known human lung carcinogen, and therefore concludes that secondhand smoke is a health risk to nonsmokers<sup>v</sup>; and

**Whereas**, the World Health Organization states that secondhand smoke is a human carcinogen for which there is no "safe" level of exposure<sup>vi</sup>; and

**Whereas**, secondhand smoke has been proven to cause cancer, heart disease, and asthma in both smokers and non-smokers<sup>vii</sup>; and

**Whereas**, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) warn that all patients with or at increased risk of coronary heart disease should avoid all indoor environments that permit smoking<sup>viii</sup>; and

**Whereas**, studies show that infants and children are especially vulnerable to secondhand smoke, suffering more respiratory problems, ear infections, asthma, and sudden infant death syndrome, as a result of exposure<sup>6</sup>, and pregnant women exposed to secondhand smoke are at increased risk to have low birth-weight babies<sup>ix</sup>; and

**Whereas**, no ventilation system can remove all the harmful elements in secondhand smoke from the air, according to the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Condition Engineers (ASHRAE)<sup>x</sup>; and

**Whereas, numerous studies have shown that smoke-free policies have either a neutral or positive impact on businesses<sup>xi</sup>; and**

**Whereas, the majority of Alaskans and other Americans do not smoke<sup>xii</sup>; and**

**Whereas, worksites and public places are locations where children, members of the community and employees are exposed to secondhand smoke; and**

**Whereas, smoke-free air policies have been shown to protect the public from exposure to secondhand smoke, and help smokers reduce the number of cigarettes consumed or quit entirely<sup>xiii</sup>; and**

**Whereas, one of the goals of Healthy Alaskans 2020 is to "increase the proportion of Alaskans who are tobacco-free"<sup>xiv</sup>; and**

**Whereas, all Alaskans have the right to breathe smokefree air;**

**Therefore Be It Resolved that Mat-Su Health Foundation supports House Bill 360 and Senate Bill 209 prohibiting smoking in certain locations, and providing for an effective date;**

**ATTEST:**

**Approved by the Mat-Su Health Foundations Board of Directors March 17, 2014**



Linda Conover, Chair

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<sup>iii</sup> Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights (August 25, 2010). *Secondhand Smoke*. Downloaded November 11, 2010 from <http://www.no-smoke.org/getthefacts.php?id=13>.

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<sup>xiii</sup> Zaza, SI, Peter A Briss, PA, Harris, KW (eds), *The Guide to Community Preventative Services: What Works to Promote Health? Task Force on Community Prevention Services*, Oxford University Press, 2005.

<sup>xiv</sup> State of Alaska Health and Social Services: "Healthy Alaskans 2020: 25 Leading Health Indicators, by Objective;" <http://hss.state.ak.us/ha2020/25LHI.htm>

## Resolution of Support for Smokefree Alaska

Whereas, Secondhand smoke contains more than 4,000 chemicals, 69 of which are known to cause cancer, including formaldehyde, benzene, vinyl chloride, arsenic, ammonia and hydrogen cyanide, and people who are exposed to secondhand smoke are inhaling many of the same cancer-causing substances and poisons as smokers; and

Whereas, Numerous studies have found that tobacco smoke is a major contributor to indoor air pollution and that breathing secondhand smoke is a cause of disease in healthy nonsmokers, including heart disease, stroke, respiratory disease and lung cancer; and

Whereas, The 2006 U.S. Surgeon General's Report, "*The Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke*," concluded that there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke; ventilation and other air cleaning technologies cannot eliminate exposure of nonsmokers to secondhand smoke; and smokefree workplace policies are the only effective way to eliminate secondhand smoke exposure in the workplace; and

Whereas, The 2010 U.S. Surgeon General's Report, "*How Tobacco Smoke Causes Disease*," determined that even occasional exposure to secondhand smoke is harmful; and

Whereas, For every eight smokers who die, one nonsmoker dies from exposure to secondhand smoke; and

Whereas, Nine out of ten Alaskans, including seven out of ten smokers, believe that smoking should be prohibited in Alaska workplaces; and

Whereas, Research in communities where smokefree laws have been adopted has consistently shown neutral or positive economic effects to the hospitality industry following a smokefree workplace requirement, and

Whereas, Smokefree workplace laws protect people from secondhand smoke, reduce tobacco use overall and reduce health care costs; and

Whereas, all Alaskans have the right to breathe smokefree air;

**THEREFORE**, we, the undersigned support a law in Alaska to make all workplaces 100% smokefree to protect the health and safety of all workers and visitors from the dangers of secondhand smoke.

Organization: Mat-Su Health Foundation  
Signature: Elizabeth Ripley  
Name: Elizabeth Ripley  
Title: Executive Director

## Mindy Rowland

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**From:** Mindy Rowland  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2014 8:23 AM  
**To:** Mindy Rowland  
**Subject:** FW: Alaska smokefree workplace

*Mindy Rowland*  
Legislative Aide  
Senator Peter Micciche  
465-2828

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**From:** Bunte, Barbara J (HSS) [<mailto:barbara.bunte@alaska.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 24, 2014 4:32 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Alaska smokefree workplace

Dear Senator Micciche,

I have just started talking smoke free workplace with businesses and agencies in Cordova. I am impressed with the number of local businesses that have already chosen to go smoke free (2 bars, 4 businesses). There are also a great number of businesses that do not allow smoking, but they do not want to "go public", in part because they do not perceive support. I believe the State of Alaska legislature needs to set an example that will convey to the business community the importance of this health issue.

Thank you so much for supporting the silent majority.

Sincerely,  
Barb Bunte

Barbara Bunte, PHN III, State of Alaska  
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PO Box 359  
Cordova, AK 99574  
907-424-4547  
907-424-4548 fax  
Eat More <°((((><

## Mindy Rowland

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**From:** Mindy Rowland  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2014 2:17 PM  
**To:** Mindy Rowland  
**Subject:** FW: Alaska Smokefree Workplaces

Mindy Rowland  
Legislative Aide  
Senator Peter Micciche  
465-2828

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

**From:** American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network [<mailto:ican@acscan.org>] On Behalf Of Hal Smalley  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2014 1:43 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Alaska Smokefree Workplaces

Mar 25, 2014

Senator Peter Micciche  
State Capitol, Room 125  
120 Fourth Street  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Micciche,

I am a constituent and a supporter of a statewide smoke-free law that protects workers from the dangers of secondhand smoke. It's important that HB 360 move as quickly as possible through the Health & Social Services Committee. I urge you and the other committee members to approve this important legislation without delay.

Having two parents die young of lung cancer because of smoking, their employers providing smoking opportunities at work, gives me too good of a view about the dangers of smoking in the workplace. We could claim ignorance. We didn't know then what we know now.

If I eat poorly or drink a beer in a public setting, I do not endanger the health of those who are around me. That is the difference between smoking and other behaviors. And currently, in about 1/2 the state, if I am an employee my choice has been made for me.

Clean air in Alaska has a nice ring to it. I think about half of the rest of the U.S. already has comprehensive smoke-free workplaces. It's time for us.

I trust you will be vigilant about statistics that will start popping up now that this legislation is being heard. When I was teaching English and kids were writing research papers I told them to "cite your sources so that I can check them out." And I did. Not surprisingly a few were "creative facts and statistics". That was only about a grade in a class. The tobacco industry spends millions in Alaska and they are trying for more than a good grade.

Thank you for your support. The HSS Committee is only the first step.  
As the bill moves forward, your continued support will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mr. Hal Smalley  
105 Linwood Ln  
Kenai, AK 99611-8112  
(907) 283-7469

## Mindy Rowland

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**From:** Mindy Rowland  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2014 12:43 PM  
**To:** Mindy Rowland  
**Subject:** FW: E-cigs

*Mindy Rowland*

Legislative Aide  
Senator Peter Micciche  
465-2828

**From:** sharon wolkoff [<mailto:sharonwolkoff@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2014 12:30 PM  
**To:** Sen. Gary Stevens; Rep. Alan Austerman; Sen. Peter Micciche; Rep. Lindsey Holmes  
**Subject:** E-cigs

Honorable Senator Peter Micciche, Honorable R

I'm writing concerning the e-cigarettes. My granddaughter is in high school and she said she is seeing her classmates using them. I'm concerned because the reports I'm hearing from the ANR states that there are carcinogens and harmful vapors in them. They are not being regulated enough because the FDA has not fully investigated them...yet. Until there is a clear statement from the FDA, I hope the bill goes on that ecigs be included in the smokefree workplace bill. Big Tobacco companies own these new products and from what we have seen with them lying about tobacco, can we expect them to be honest about these? I don't think so! I have also had other high school kids ask if they are safe. Please help curtail this issue. I'm also concerned because these youngsters will be entering the workforce this summer and be subjected to being around this unhealthy poisonous garbage! Concerned people need to set the standard and speak up for those who cannot!!!!

Sharon Wolkoff  
Box 2607  
Kodiak, Alaska 99615

## **Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** Mindy Rowland  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2014 2:25 PM  
**To:** Mindy Rowland  
**Subject:** FW: and what about the children?

Mindy Rowland  
Legislative Aide  
Senator Peter Micciche  
465-2828

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

**From:** American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network [<mailto:ican@acscan.org>] On Behalf Of Susan Smalley  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2014 1:13 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** and what about the children?

Mar 25, 2014

Senator Peter Micciche  
State Capitol, Room 125  
120 Fourth Street  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Micciche,

I am a constituent and a supporter of a statewide smoke-free law that protects workers from the dangers of secondhand smoke. It's important that HB 360 move as quickly as possible through the Health & Social Services Committee. I urge you and the other committee members to approve this important legislation without delay.

There is talk about exemptions for places selling tobacco. These are places where people bring their children, children who are even more susceptible to health risks of secondhand smoke.

And what about the surrounding businesses if tobacco sellers are adjoining other businesses? In Soldotna, one of the businesses where folks smoke permeate the other businesses who choose not to allow smoking.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this legislation that will save health, lives and ultimately \$\$\$\$ for the state of Alaska.

Thank you for your support. The HSS Committee is only the first step.  
As the bill moves forward, your continued support will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Ms. Susan Smalley

105 Linwood Ln  
Kenai, AK 99611-8112  
(907) 283-7469

## Mindy Rowland

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**From:** Mindy Rowland  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 27, 2014 2:43 PM  
**To:** Mindy Rowland  
**Subject:** FW: non smoking bill in Senate

Mindy Rowland  
Legislative Aide  
Senator Peter Micciche  
465-2828

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

**From:** Jim Fassler [<mailto:iimfassler@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 27, 2014 12:44 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** non smoking bill in Senate

I would like to support the measure to not allow smoking in public buildings including bars. As you may remember, representing the Veterans of Foreign Wars, I opposed this several years ago when Soldotna and Kenai were trying to adopt ordinances to this effect. I was opposed only because it was only in city limits. Customers of establishments in Soldotna and Kenai would have gone outside the towns so they could smoke, making it nearly impossible for the rest to survive. I would not have opposed the ordinance if it had been borough wide or state wide.

I am writing this as an individual and not as a member of the VFW.

Thank you for your consideration of this bill & hope you will agree with me on this one

Jim Fassler  
36815 Cheechako News Dr  
Soldotna, AK 99669  
907-398-8384

## **Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** Mindy Rowland  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2014 2:18 PM  
**To:** Mindy Rowland  
**Subject:** FW: Please support your community

Mindy Rowland  
Legislative Aide  
Senator Peter Micciche  
465-2828

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

**From:** Regina Theisen [<mailto:aktheisen57@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2014 1:43 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Please support your community

Senator Micciche,

We all have a responsibility to support our fellow friends and neighbors in the Kenai Peninsula. Please help us by supporting HB 360 smoke free work places. We all have a right to breathe clean air. Let's make our health a priority.

Regina Theisen

Sent from my iPad

**Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** Mindy Rowland  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2014 8:48 AM  
**To:** Mindy Rowland  
**Subject:** FW: Protecting workers from secondhand smoke

*Mindy Rowland*  
Legislative Aide  
Senator Peter Micciche  
465-2828

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**From:** Dan Gensel [<mailto:dkgensel@ptialaska.net>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2014 8:36 AM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Protecting workers from secondhand smoke

I am in support for protecting workers from secondhand smoke and thank you for including e-cigarettes in the discussion (as we now know that not only is secondhand aerosol not simply a harmless water vapor, but they are also being used as illegal drug delivery devices using liquid marijuana and opiates).

I agree conceptually with protecting folks from the toxins in secondhand smoke and secondhand aerosol.

Thank you for all you do!!!

Kathy GenselJ

Box 3398

Soldotna, AK. 99669

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## Mindy Rowland

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**From:** Mindy Rowland  
**Sent:** Monday, March 24, 2014 11:43 AM  
**To:** Mindy Rowland  
**Subject:** FW: smoke free work environment

*Mindy Rowland*

Legislative Aide  
Senator Peter Micciche  
465-2828

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**From:** Andy McLaughlin [<mailto:andy@Chugachmiut.org>]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 24, 2014 11:11 AM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** smoke free work environment

Dear Senator,

I am an Alaskan health care worker. I support all efforts and legislation that creates a smoke free work environment. It just makes plain sense to me to create clean air for people to breath when second hand smoke is proven to cause disease.

I find it apalling that other people might send you opposition letters to this, it is not their lungs in need of protection. They are not socially acceptable. Considering that they are willing to forfeit the health of others in the name of their own profiteering, it should be considered criminal. Healthy people should not be allowed to be harmed at the expense of a notion promoted by the pro smoking lobby. Second hand smoke infringes on the right of non smokers to breath normally unpolluted air.

Thanks for your consideration,

Cheers,

Andy McLaughlin- Community Health Practitioner (CHP), EMT, BS, AAS- Certified in Community Health

## **Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** Mindy Rowland  
**Sent:** Monday, March 24, 2014 9:41 AM  
**To:** Mindy Rowland  
**Subject:** FW: Smoke Free Work Place

Mindy Rowland  
Legislative Aide  
Senator Peter Micciche  
465-2828

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

**From:** Narcisco Penamora [<mailto:Narcisco@Chugachmiut.org>]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 24, 2014 9:17 AM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Smoke Free Work Place

Dear Senator,

As an ex-smoker, I can see that having a policy for smoke free workplace works wonder. Please continue supporting this policy, it saves lives.

Keep up the good work,  
Cisco M. Penamora, LBSW, CDCS/II  
Sent from my iPhone

## Mindy Rowland

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**From:** Mindy Rowland  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2014 8:44 AM  
**To:** Mindy Rowland  
**Subject:** FW: Smoke free Workplaces

*Mindy Rowland*  
Legislative Aide  
Senator Peter Micciche  
465-2828

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**From:** [rmorris@kenaitze.org](mailto:rmorris@kenaitze.org) [<mailto:rmorris@kenaitze.org>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2014 8:34 AM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Smoke free Workplaces



I agree with protecting people, including myself, from secondhand smoke and toxins in our communities. Thank you for this support!

*"If you fell down yesterday, stand up today."*

British author, H.G. Wells

*Robin C Morris, BS, MAT*

Diabetes Prevention Coordinator/Wellness Consultant

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## Mindy Rowland

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**From:** Mindy Rowland  
**Sent:** Monday, March 24, 2014 9:38 AM  
**To:** Mindy Rowland  
**Subject:** FW: smoke free

*Mindy Rowland*

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Senator Peter Micciche  
465-2828

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**From:** Glenn Schiff [<mailto:Glenn@Chugachmiut.org>]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 24, 2014 9:28 AM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** smoke free

If people need to smoke they should have to do it away from other people who do not care to have their air contaminated. Also many people have allergies that are set off by 2nd hand smoke, like my wife. As a pharmacist, I see many ex-smokers who do not want to be exposed to smoke because it gives them the desire to start it up again. My wife Sandi has these same opinions so you can list both of us as supporters of no smoking.

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[glenn@chugachmiut.org](mailto:glenn@chugachmiut.org)

## **Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** Mindy Rowland  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2014 2:13 PM  
**To:** Mindy Rowland  
**Subject:** FW: Smoke Free

Mindy Rowland  
Legislative Aide  
Senator Peter Micciche  
465-2828

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

**From:** [skeeterbite123@gmail.com](mailto:skeeterbite123@gmail.com) [mailto:[skeeterbite123@gmail.com](mailto:skeeterbite123@gmail.com)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2014 1:05 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Smoke Free

Hello Senator Micciche! I support a smoke free work place. Everyone has the right to breathe smoke free air. Thank You!

Marquitta M. Andrus

Sent from my iPhone

## Mindy Rowland

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**From:** Mindy Rowland  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2014 2:08 PM  
**To:** Mindy Rowland  
**Subject:** FW: Smoke-free workplace sponsorship

*Mindy Rowland*  
Legislative Aide  
Senator Peter Micciche  
465-2828

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**From:** Susan S [<mailto:asusansmallev@yahoo.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2014 12:50 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Smoke-free workplace sponsorship

Dear Senator Micciche,

I am so grateful that you are a sponsor of this bill. I know that those opposed are fewer in numbers but not very kind and it seems to me unwilling to have conversations. I'm sorry for the flak that this has caused for you but very proud that you are willing to carry it through.

Of course you have seen the Raven youtube video. My visceral reaction to its cuteness is difficult for me to describe when I think of the people I have lost in my life to tobacco products. I think it is "catchy" and repugnant and so very clever that I would imagine there are similar videos out there in the rest of the America - it was quite professionally done and the local folks are such a good touch. It's also such a nice touch that KSRM is making it available on its website.

I would love to know how they came up with the statistics that they were so willing to show us. The good news is that we

know that we have more than 400 groups and businesses and corporations that are real and endorsing smoke-free work places.

(and mostly Alaskans profess not to care how they do it Outside).

Children also come into places where tobacco is sold and they are especially susceptible to secondhand smoke. And employees everywhere deserve clean air in the workplace.

Thank you for continuing this fight to help Alaskans stay healthy. It is good for lives and for economics.

One additional comment is about exemptions that some are suggesting. If a tobacco store is in a mall setting, stores around it will not be smoke-free. So would free-standing stores be exempt and others not. It is a slippery slope, as they say.

Sincerely,  
Susan Smalley

## Mindy Rowland

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**From:** Mindy Rowland  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2014 8:20 AM  
**To:** Mindy Rowland  
**Subject:** FW: SMOKEFREE WORKPLACE

*Mindy Rowland*

Legislative Aide  
Senator Peter Micciche  
465-2828

**From:** Bunny Kishaba [<mailto:bunny.kishaba@aksbdc.org>]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 24, 2014 5:01 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Cc:** Bryan Zak  
**Subject:** SMOKEFREE WORKPLACE

Dear Senator Micciche:

Bryan Zak, our Associate State Director, is attending our National SBDC Conference in Washington, D.C. but he said that we **DEFINITELY SUPPORT SMOKEFREE WORKPLACES IN ALASKA!** The email below from Jenny, says we just have to send you an email. Please let me know if you need anything else.

**Bunny**

Bunny Kishaba - Administrative Assistant  
Alaska Small Business Development Center-South West Region  
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Red Diamond Center Suite 12

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Phone: (907) 260-5629 Fax: 260-1695

**NEW Email:** [Bunny.Kishaba@aksbdc.org](mailto:Bunny.Kishaba@aksbdc.org)

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**From:** "Jenny Olendorff" <[tcap@alaska.net](mailto:tcap@alaska.net)>

**Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** Mindy Rowland  
**Sent:** Monday, March 24, 2014 9:38 AM  
**To:** Mindy Rowland  
**Subject:** FW: Smokefree Workplaces

*Mindy Rowland*  
Legislative Aide  
Senator Peter Micciche  
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**From:** Jerry Luken [<mailto:jerry@Chugachmiut.org>]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 24, 2014 9:37 AM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Smokefree Workplaces

Senator Micciche,

Thank you for your work supporting smoke-free workplaces in Alaska.

Sincerely,

Jerry Luken

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## Mindy Rowland

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**From:** Mindy Rowland  
**Sent:** Monday, March 24, 2014 9:42 AM  
**To:** Mindy Rowland  
**Subject:** FW: Smokefree Workplaces

*Mindy Rowland*

Legislative Aide  
Senator Peter Micciche  
465-2828

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**From:** Amy Rattenbury [<mailto:arattenbury@svt.org>]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 24, 2014 9:14 AM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Smokefree Workplaces

Dear Senator Micciche,

Tobacco use is the number one cause of preventable deaths in the US and causes over 400,000 deaths a year. As a health care worker, we see everyday that most diseases are complicated or caused by tobacco use. Please continue to fight for the right of all Alaskans to work and thrive in smoke-free environments. No one should be subjected to harmful and toxic secondhand smoke in order to make a living. Secondhand smoke causes over 50,000 deaths a year in the US. Ensuring that all workplaces in Alaska are smoke-free will help lower these numbers and literally save tens of thousand of lives!

Thank you for your support!

**Amy Rattenbury, MSOM, L.Ac., Dipl. OM.**

Seldovia Village Tribe Health & Wellness

880 East End Road

Homer, AK 99603

Phone: 907.435.3280

[arattenbury@svt.org](mailto:arattenbury@svt.org)

On Mar 24, 2014, at 8:51 AM, Jenny Olendorff wrote:

[Senator.Peter.Micciche@akleg.gov](mailto:Senator.Peter.Micciche@akleg.gov)

## **Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** Mindy Rowland  
**Sent:** Monday, March 31, 2014 1:30 PM  
**To:** Mindy Rowland  
**Subject:** FW: Support for SB209 and HB360-smokefree workplaces

*Mindy Rowland*

Legislative Aide  
Senator Peter Micciche  
465-2828

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**From:** Debbie Shuey [<mailto:shuevcurt@yahoo.com>] **On Behalf Of** [debcoq@yahoo.com](mailto:debcoq@yahoo.com)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 31, 2014 12:39 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Support for SB209 and HB360-smokefree workplaces

Dear Honorable Peter Micciche,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my support for SB209 and HB360, which will ensure that all workers are protected from exposure to secondhand smoke emitted from combustible tobacco products and from secondhand aerosol emitted from electronic cigarettes.

As a citizen who resides and works in prevention and health services in the central Kenai Peninsula, I am well aware of the health consequences associated with tobacco use and other harmful substances. Your inclusion of e-cigarettes in this legislation is of particular interest to me because of recent studies, as well as anecdotal evidence across the country, that e-cigarettes, by their design, are now being used as delivery devices for not only nicotine but also liquid THC (marijuana) and other opiates. In addition, the scientific evidence is mounting that the aerosol emitted from e-cigarettes is not simply a harmless water vapor, rather it contains chemicals and particulates that are known to cause significant breathing problems, at a minimum.

Working in the prevention and health field for over 25 years, I am well aware of trends that could endanger the lives of future generations. The seductive advertising used by e-cigarette companies, the appealing nicotine flavors offered, and the appeal of anything electronic to young people makes me very appreciative that e-cigarettes are being treated as cigarettes in this bill. We do not want to set up another generation of Americans for nicotine addiction.

Sincerely,

Debra L Shuey

Debra L. Shuey

35077 Kalifornsky Beach Road

Kenai, AK 99611

907-283-6650

## Mindy Rowland

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**From:** Mindy Rowland  
**Sent:** Monday, March 24, 2014 11:43 AM  
**To:** Mindy Rowland  
**Subject:** FW: Thank you

*Mindy Rowland*  
Legislative Aide  
Senator Peter Micciche  
465-2828

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**From:** Sheila Hurst [<mailto:shurst@crnative.org>]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 24, 2014 11:02 AM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Thank you

Dear Senator Micciche,

I would like to Thank you for recognizing the need to protect people from secondhand smoke in the workplace. I work on a tobacco free campus and appreciate that I'm protected by this policy and that everyone deserves the right to breathe smokefree air in the workplace.

Sheila Hurst

## Mindy Rowland

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**From:** Mindy Rowland  
**Sent:** Monday, March 24, 2014 9:41 AM  
**To:** Mindy Rowland  
**Subject:** FW: Workplace health

*Mindy Rowland*  
Legislative Aide  
Senator Peter Micciche  
465-2828

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**From:** Michael Horton [<mailto:MichaelH@Chugachmiut.org>]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 24, 2014 9:23 AM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Cc:** Trudy Valenza  
**Subject:** Workplace health

Dear Senator Micciche;

I am a BIG supporter of a smoke-free and tobacco-free workplace, and I am glad that you are also. I understand that you will hear some grumbings from smokers who do not want to go outside during our cold Alaskan winters to smoke, but I can attest to the health benefits. I work at Chugachmiut that has smoke-free policies. But, it was while I was at Kodiak Area Native Association where I saw some of the greatest changes. A number of my co-workers- many of whom had smoked for decades- gave up smoking altogether when we went smoke-free. There is a bit of political heat that you will feel from people who believe that these initiatives trample on their "rights" to smoke or create toxic secondhand clouds in the workplace, I am sure; but when you weigh these instances of malcontent against the lives saved and the cleaner indoor air that we breathe, it is well worth the fight. Thank you for your support of these efforts!

Michael Horton, Behavioral Health Director

## **Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** Michelle Sparck <mstundra@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 02, 2014 4:56 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche; Rep. Lindsey Holmes; House Health and Social Services; Senate State Affairs  
**Subject:** Smoke-Free Alaska

To Whom it May Concern in Juneau:

We take our smoke-free air for granted, until it is in our face, or more disturbingly, in our children's faces. We all have a right to the expectation of smoke-free air.

My father, Harold Murray Sparck was a natural resources consultant. From 1969 on, he worked tirelessly to build up the first grass-roots environmental movement to represent Native interests as stakeholders in resource exploration and exploitation, namely for the Yup'ik / Cup'ik of the Yukon Kuskokwim Delta, but for other demographics of the coastal and interior areas of the State. With Nunam Kitlutsisti (Stewards of the Land,) AVCP, the Bering Sea Fishermen's Association, the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, the State of Alaska and the Alaska Board of Fisheries, Alaska Board of Game, the Mink Festival, the Community Development Quota's, and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, my father and many of his contemporaries subjected themselves to thousands of hours in meetings as engaged citizens and advocates. In those days, my father had to endure rooms full of second-hand smoke for as much as 10 hours a day in marathon meetings. He'd come home from a trip and his luggage and clothing would reek of smoke.

Unable to shake a cough, my father got an x-ray, revealing both lungs riddled with tumors. This was only a few weeks after his 51st birthday. The doctors gave him two weeks to live. He rallied enough to settle his affairs, but he died 10 weeks after diagnosis. My father was not a smoker.

The state of Alaska currently does not have a strong smokefree law. However many communities have passed strong local laws. The City of Bethel was one of the first communities to opt for a smoke-free law, three years after his death, in 1998. Anchorage, Klawock, and Haines County have passed 100% smokefree laws that cover all workplaces, including all restaurants and bars. It is still too much that only half of Alaska's population is covered by a current smoke-free workplace law. No one should have to choose between their health and a good working environment.

We need legislation to combat this workplace threat, secondhand smoke is a major cause of needless, preventable suffering and death. And it isn't only cancer we need to worry about, but non-smokers exposed to secondhand smoke increase their risk of heart disease and lung cancer by up to 30%. Ventilation and other "air-cleaning" methods cannot scrub the damage that secondhand smoke causes. Comprehensive smoke-free workplace policies are the only effective way to eliminate secondhand smoke exposure in the workplace. We know enough now about the dangers of smoking, and second-hand smoke, to do something about our workplace health.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Michelle

Michelle Sparck  
P.O. Box 1210  
Bethel, AK 99559

## **Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** Mindy Rowland  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 01, 2014 5:04 PM  
**To:** Mindy Rowland  
**Subject:** FW: Everyone Deserves the Right to breathe smokefree air!

Mindy Rowland  
Legislative Aide  
Senator Peter Micciche  
465-2828

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

**From:** American Lung Association in Alaska [<mailto:takeaction@lungmtopacific.org>] On Behalf Of Jennifer Adzima  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 01, 2014 2:46 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Everyone Deserves the Right to breathe smokefree air!

Apr 1, 2014

Senator Peter Micciche  
AK

Dear Senator Micciche,

I support a state law to prohibit smoking indoors.

Breathing healthy smoke-free air is important to me and my family. All workers should be protected from the dangers of secondhand smoke in the workplace, and all Alaskans should be protected from secondhand smoke in public places. Please include e-cigarettes in this legislation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Jennifer Adzima  
1605 Nunaka Dr  
Anchorage, AK 99504-2441

**Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** Mindy Rowland  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2014 12:39 PM  
**To:** Mindy Rowland  
**Subject:** FW: HB360

Mindy Rowland  
Legislative Aide  
Senator Peter Micciche  
465-2828

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

**From:** Grace Olendorff [[mailto:grace\\_olendorff@hotmail.com](mailto:grace_olendorff@hotmail.com)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2014 12:13 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** HB360

I am writing today in support of HB360, which will protect all workers from the dangers of exposure to secondhand smoke in the workplace. I live in Anchorage where I am protected in the workplace, but 50% of the state IS NOT covered by a comprehensive smokefree workplace policy. Everyone deserves the right to breathe smokefree air!

**PLEASE support public health by supporting HB360!**

Grace

**Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** Mindy Rowland  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2014 4:47 PM  
**To:** Mindy Rowland  
**Subject:** FW: Heather Aronno (@haronno) mentioned you on Twitter!

*Mindy Rowland*  
Legislative Aide  
Senator Peter Micciche  
465-2828

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**From:** Heather Aronno (via Twitter) [mailto:notify@twitter.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2014 4:15 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Heather Aronno (@haronno) mentioned you on Twitter!

@pmiccic Thank you for sponsoring a #smokefree indoor workplace bill including e-cigarettes! I want to breathe clean air when I'm at work! - @haronno



Peter Micciche,  
You were mentioned in a Tweet!



[Heather Aronno @haronno](#)

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@pmiccic Thank you for sponsoring a #smokefree indoor workplace bill including e-cigarettes! I want to breathe clean air when I'm at work!

12:15 AM - 27 Mar 14



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[Twitter, Inc. 1355 Market St., Suite 900 San Francisco, CA 94103](#)

## **Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** Mindy Rowland  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2014 1:59 PM  
**To:** Mindy Rowland  
**Subject:** FW: I Support Smoke-Free Workplaces!

Mindy Rowland  
Legislative Aide  
Senator Peter Micciche  
465-2828

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

**From:** American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network [<mailto:ican@acscan.org>] On Behalf Of Johna Beech  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2014 10:43 AM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** I Support Smoke-Free Workplaces!

Mar 25, 2014

Senator Peter Micciche  
State Capitol, Room 125  
120 Fourth Street  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Micciche,

I am a constituent and a supporter of a statewide smoke-free law that protects workers from the dangers of secondhand smoke. It's important that HB 360 move as quickly as possible through the Health & Social Services Committee. I urge you and the other committee members to approve this important legislation without delay.

This important measure will not only save lives, but will have a positive economic impact on the state.

Everyone has the right to breathe smokefree air.

Employees should not have to choose between their income and their health.

Thank you for your support. The HSS Committee is only the first step.  
As the bill moves forward, your continued support will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Ms. Johna Beech  
PO Box 2258  
Kenai, AK 99611-2258  
(907) 394-6006

## **Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** Mindy Rowland  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2014 12:49 PM  
**To:** Mindy Rowland  
**Subject:** FW: I Support Smoke-Free Workplaces!

Mindy Rowland  
Legislative Aide  
Senator Peter Micciche  
465-2828

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**From:** American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network [<mailto:ican@acscan.org>] On Behalf Of Johna Beech  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2014 10:43 AM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** I Support Smoke-Free Workplaces!

Mar 25, 2014

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State Capitol, Room 125  
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As the bill moves forward, your continued support will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Ms. Johna Beech  
PO Box 2258  
Kenai, AK 99611-2258  
(907) 394-6006

**Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** Mindy Rowland  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 01, 2014 4:38 PM  
**To:** Mindy Rowland  
**Subject:** FW: I urge you to support a statewide smoke-free workplace law

Mindy Rowland  
Legislative Aide  
Senator Peter Micciche  
465-2828

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

**From:** American Lung Association in Alaska [<mailto:takeaction@lungmtpacific.org>] On Behalf Of Heather Aronno  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 01, 2014 4:16 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** I urge you to support a statewide smoke-free workplace law

Apr 1, 2014

Senator Peter Micciche  
AK

Dear Senator Micciche,

I support a state law to prohibit smoking indoors.

Breathing healthy smoke-free air is important to me and my family. All workers should be protected from the dangers of secondhand smoke in the workplace, and all Alaskans should be protected from secondhand smoke in public places. Please include e-cigarettes in this legislation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Heather Aronno  
7020 Potomac Dr  
Anchorage, AK 99504-2643  
(907) 440-8390

## **Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** Mindy Rowland  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2014 12:45 PM  
**To:** Mindy Rowland  
**Subject:** FW: Please pass HB 360 for Smoke-Free Workplaces!

Mindy Rowland  
Legislative Aide  
Senator Peter Micciche  
465-2828

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

**From:** American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network [<mailto:ican@acscan.org>] On Behalf Of Mike Crawford  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2014 11:43 AM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Please pass HB 360 for Smoke-Free Workplaces!

Mar 25, 2014

Senator Peter Micciche  
State Capitol, Room 125  
120 Fourth Street  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Micciche,

I am a constituent and a supporter of a statewide smoke-free law that protects workers from the dangers of secondhand smoke. It's important that HB 360 move as quickly as possible through the Health & Social Services Committee. I urge you and the other committee members to approve this important legislation without delay.

This important measure will not only save lives, but will have a positive economic impact on the state.

Smoking is a blight on our society that only leads to trouble. Please be forward-thinking and pass HB 360.

Thank you for your support. The HSS Committee is only the first step.  
As the bill moves forward, your continued support will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mr. Mike Crawford  
36615 Chinulna Dr  
Kenai, AK 99611-8719  
(907) 690-3172

**Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** Mindy Rowland  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 01, 2014 2:38 PM  
**To:** Mindy Rowland  
**Subject:** FW: SAY YES TO A SMOKEFREE ALASKA (PLEASE)

Mindy Rowland  
Legislative Aide  
Senator Peter Micciche  
465-2828

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

**From:** American Lung Association in Alaska [<mailto:takeaction@lungmtpacific.org>] On Behalf Of Kathleen Reilly  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 01, 2014 2:16 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** SAY YES TO A SMOKEFREE ALASKA (PLEASE)

Apr 1, 2014

Senator Peter Micciche  
AK

Dear Senator Micciche,

I support a state law to prohibit smoking indoors.

Breathing healthy smoke-free air is important to me and my family. All workers should be protected from the dangers of secondhand smoke in the workplace, and all Alaskans should be protected from secondhand smoke in public places. Please include e-cigarettes in this legislation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Kathleen Reilly  
2864 E 42nd Ave  
Anchorage, AK 99508-5313

## **Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** Mindy Rowland  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 02, 2014 3:54 PM  
**To:** Mindy Rowland  
**Subject:** FW: Support Smokefree Alaska

Mindy Rowland  
Legislative Aide  
Senator Peter Micciche  
465-2828

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

**From:** American Lung Association in Alaska [<mailto:takeaction@lungmtpacific.org>] On Behalf Of Sheila Hurst  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 02, 2014 11:48 AM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Support Smokefree Alaska

Apr 2, 2014

Senator Peter Micciche  
AK

Dear Senator Micciche,

I support a state law to prohibit smoking indoors.

Breathing healthy smoke-free air is important to me and my family. All workers should be protected from the dangers of secondhand smoke in the workplace, and all Alaskans should be protected from secondhand smoke in public places. Please include e-cigarettes in this legislation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Sheila Hurst  
PO Box 301  
Copper Center, AK 99573-0301

## **Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** Mindy Rowland  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 01, 2014 2:39 PM  
**To:** Mindy Rowland  
**Subject:** FW: Support Smokefree Alaska

Mindy Rowland  
Legislative Aide  
Senator Peter Micciche  
465-2828

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

**From:** American Lung Association in Alaska [<mailto:takeaction@lungmtpacific.org>] On Behalf Of Nicholle Chandler  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 01, 2014 2:16 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Support Smokefree Alaska

Apr 1, 2014

Senator Peter Micciche  
AK

Dear Senator Micciche,

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Miss Nicholle Chandler  
PO Box 847  
Skagway, AK 99840  
Skagway, AK 99840  
(253) 632-1008

**Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** Mindy Rowland  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 01, 2014 2:39 PM  
**To:** Mindy Rowland  
**Subject:** FW: Support Smokefree Alaska

Mindy Rowland  
Legislative Aide  
Senator Peter Micciche  
465-2828

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

**From:** American Lung Association in Alaska [<mailto:takeaction@lungmtpacific.org>] On Behalf Of Susan Vogt  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 01, 2014 2:16 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Support Smokefree Alaska

Apr 1, 2014

Senator Peter Micciche  
AK

Dear Senator Micciche,

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Susan Vogt  
269 Bias Dr  
Fairbanks, AK 99712-2502  
(907) 457-6767

## **Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** Mindy Rowland  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 01, 2014 2:38 PM  
**To:** Mindy Rowland  
**Subject:** FW: Support Smokefree Alaska

Mindy Rowland  
Legislative Aide  
Senator Peter Micciche  
465-2828

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

**From:** American Lung Association in Alaska [<mailto:takeaction@lungmtpacific.org>] On Behalf Of Dennis Brodigan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 01, 2014 2:16 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Support Smokefree Alaska

Apr 1, 2014

Senator Peter Micciche  
AK

Dear Senator Micciche,

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Dennis Brodigan  
3302 N Inspiration Loop  
Wasilla, AK 99654-1246  
(907) 376-0826

## **Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** Mindy Rowland  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 01, 2014 2:38 PM  
**To:** Mindy Rowland  
**Subject:** FW: Support Smokefree Alaska

Mindy Rowland  
Legislative Aide  
Senator Peter Micciche  
465-2828

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

**From:** American Lung Association in Alaska [<mailto:takeaction@lungmtpacific.org>] On Behalf Of Marge Stoneking  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 01, 2014 2:16 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Support Smokefree Alaska

Apr 1, 2014

Senator Peter Micciche  
AK

Dear Senator Micciche,

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Marge Stoneking  
3441 Andree Dr  
# B  
Anchorage, AK 99517-2336

## **Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** Mindy Rowland  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 01, 2014 3:42 PM  
**To:** Mindy Rowland  
**Subject:** FW: Support Smokefree Alaska

Mindy Rowland  
Legislative Aide  
Senator Peter Micciche  
465-2828

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

**From:** American Lung Association in Alaska [<mailto:takeaction@lungmtpacific.org>] On Behalf Of Tod Bauer  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 01, 2014 3:16 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Support Smokefree Alaska

Apr 1, 2014

Senator Peter Micciche  
AK

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Tod Bauer  
PO Box 871502  
Wasilla, AK 99687-1502

## **Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** Mindy Rowland  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 01, 2014 4:38 PM  
**To:** Mindy Rowland  
**Subject:** FW: Support Smokefree Alaska

Mindy Rowland  
Legislative Aide  
Senator Peter Micciche  
465-2828

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

**From:** American Lung Association in Alaska [<mailto:takeaction@lungmtpacific.org>] On Behalf Of Deirdre Booth  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 01, 2014 4:16 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Support Smokefree Alaska

Apr 1, 2014

Senator Peter Micciche  
AK

Dear Senator Micciche,

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Deirdre Booth  
7440 Tyone Ct  
Anchorage, AK 99504-3531

## **Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** Mindy Rowland  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 01, 2014 5:04 PM  
**To:** Mindy Rowland  
**Subject:** FW: Support Smokefree Alaska

Mindy Rowland  
Legislative Aide  
Senator Peter Micciche  
465-2828

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

**From:** American Lung Association in Alaska [<mailto:takeaction@lungmtpacific.org>] On Behalf Of Melissa Houston  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 01, 2014 2:46 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Support Smokefree Alaska

Apr 1, 2014

Senator Peter Micciche  
AK

Dear Senator Micciche,

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Miss Melissa Houston  
3132 Petkerin Ave  
Apt. 5  
Anchorage, AK 99508-1005

**Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** Mindy Rowland  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 01, 2014 5:03 PM  
**To:** Mindy Rowland  
**Subject:** FW: Support Smokefree Alaska

Mindy Rowland  
Legislative Aide  
Senator Peter Micciche  
465-2828

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

**From:** American Lung Association in Alaska [<mailto:takeaction@lungmtpacific.org>] On Behalf Of Jessica Bowers  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 01, 2014 2:46 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Support Smokefree Alaska

Apr 1, 2014

Senator Peter Micciche  
AK

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Miss Jessica Bowers  
4010 Reka Dr  
Apt F5  
Anchorage, AK 99508-3535  
(907) 315-4386

## **Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** Mindy Rowland  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 01, 2014 5:03 PM  
**To:** Mindy Rowland  
**Subject:** FW: Support Smokefree Alaska

Mindy Rowland  
Legislative Aide  
Senator Peter Micciche  
465-2828

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

**From:** American Lung Association in Alaska [<mailto:takeaction@lungmtpacific.org>] On Behalf Of Ralph Nix  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 01, 2014 2:46 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Support Smokefree Alaska

Apr 1, 2014

Senator Peter Micciche  
AK

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Ralph Nix  
9131 Centennial Cir Apt 203b  
Anchorage, AK 99504-5035  
(907) 244-4488

**Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** Mindy Rowland  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 02, 2014 8:30 AM  
**To:** Mindy Rowland  
**Subject:** FW: Support Smokefree Alaska

Mindy Rowland  
Legislative Aide  
Senator Peter Micciche  
465-2828

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

**From:** American Lung Association in Alaska [<mailto:takeaction@lungmtpacific.org>] On Behalf Of kathleen r jones  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 01, 2014 6:16 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Support Smokefree Alaska

Apr 1, 2014

Senator Peter Micciche  
AK

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. kathleen r jones  
PO Box 1237  
Palmer, AK 99645-1237  
(907) 745-4624

**Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** Mindy Rowland  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 02, 2014 8:29 AM  
**To:** Mindy Rowland  
**Subject:** FW: Support Smokefree Alaska

Mindy Rowland  
Legislative Aide  
Senator Peter Micciche  
465-2828

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

**From:** American Lung Association in Alaska [<mailto:takeaction@lungmtpacific.org>] On Behalf Of wayne c jones  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 01, 2014 6:16 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Support Smokefree Alaska

Apr 1, 2014

Senator Peter Micciche  
AK

Dear Senator Micciche,

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Breathing healthy smoke-free air is important to me and my family. All workers should be protected from the dangers of secondhand smoke in the workplace, and all Alaskans should be protected from secondhand smoke in public places. Please include e-cigarettes in this legislation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. wayne c jones  
PO Box 1237  
Palmer, AK 99645-1237  
(907) 745-4624

## **Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** Mindy Rowland  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 02, 2014 8:29 AM  
**To:** Mindy Rowland  
**Subject:** FW: Support Smokefree Alaska

Mindy Rowland  
Legislative Aide  
Senator Peter Micciche  
465-2828

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

**From:** American Lung Association in Alaska [<mailto:takeaction@lungmtpacific.org>] On Behalf Of Barbara Karl  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 01, 2014 6:16 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Support Smokefree Alaska

Apr 1, 2014

Senator Peter Micciche  
AK

Dear Senator Micciche,

I support a state law to prohibit smoking indoors.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Barbara Karl  
2400 E 16th Ave  
Anchorage, AK 99508-2906

## Mindy Rowland

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**Subject:** FW: Support Smokefree Alaska

Mindy Rowland  
Legislative Aide  
Senator Peter Micciche  
465-2828

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

**From:** American Lung Association in Alaska [<mailto:takeaction@lungmtpacific.org>] On Behalf Of Patrick Trojan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 01, 2014 6:46 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Support Smokefree Alaska

Apr 1, 2014

Senator Peter Micciche  
AK

Dear Senator Micciche,

I support a state law to prohibit smoking indoors.

Breathing healthy smoke-free air is important to me and my family. All workers should be protected from the dangers of secondhand smoke in the workplace, and all Alaskans should be protected from secondhand smoke in public places. Please include e-cigarettes in this legislation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Patrick Trojan  
PO Box 1494  
Seward, AK 99664-1494

## **Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** Mindy Rowland  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 02, 2014 8:25 AM  
**To:** Mindy Rowland  
**Subject:** FW: Support Smokefree Alaska

Mindy Rowland  
Legislative Aide  
Senator Peter Micciche  
465-2828

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

**From:** American Lung Association in Alaska [<mailto:takeaction@lungmtpacific.org>] On Behalf Of Richard Andrews  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 01, 2014 8:46 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Support Smokefree Alaska

Apr 1, 2014

Senator Peter Micciche  
AK

Dear Senator Micciche,

I support a state law to prohibit smoking indoors.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Richard Andrews  
12621 Saunders Rd  
Anchorage, AK 99516-3236

## Mindy Rowland

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**Subject:** FW: Support Smokefree Alaska

Mindy Rowland  
Legislative Aide  
Senator Peter Micciche  
465-2828

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

**From:** American Lung Association in Alaska [<mailto:takeaction@lungmtpacific.org>] On Behalf Of Sara Wilber  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 01, 2014 8:46 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Support Smokefree Alaska

Apr 1, 2014

Senator Peter Micciche  
AK

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Sara Wilber  
PO Box 298804  
Wasilla, AK 99629-8804  
(907) 355-0098

## **Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** Mindy Rowland  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 02, 2014 8:23 AM  
**To:** Mindy Rowland  
**Subject:** FW: Support Smokefree Alaska

Mindy Rowland  
Legislative Aide  
Senator Peter Micciche  
465-2828

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

**From:** American Lung Association in Alaska [<mailto:takeaction@lungmtpacific.org>] On Behalf Of Colin Underwood  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 02, 2014 7:48 AM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Support Smokefree Alaska

Apr 2, 2014

Senator Peter Micciche  
AK

Dear Senator Micciche,

I support a state law to prohibit smoking indoors.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Colin Underwood  
7000 Baxter Terrace Cir  
Anchorage, AK 99504-3978

**Mindy Rowland**

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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 02, 2014 8:23 AM  
**To:** Mindy Rowland  
**Subject:** FW: Support Smokefree Alaska

Mindy Rowland  
Legislative Aide  
Senator Peter Micciche  
465-2828

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

**From:** American Lung Association in Alaska [<mailto:takeaction@lungmtpacific.org>] On Behalf Of Barb Brown  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 02, 2014 8:18 AM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Support Smokefree Alaska

Apr 2, 2014

Senator Peter Micciche  
AK

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Barb Brown  
PO Box 24  
Palmer, AK 99645-0024

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**To:** Mindy Rowland  
**Subject:** FW: Support Smokefree Alaska

Mindy Rowland  
Legislative Aide  
Senator Peter Micciche  
465-2828

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

**From:** American Lung Association in Alaska [<mailto:takeaction@lungmtpacific.org>] On Behalf Of Wayne Johnson  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 02, 2014 8:18 AM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Support Smokefree Alaska

Apr 2, 2014

Senator Peter Micciche  
AK

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Wayne Johnson  
4825 Topaz Ave  
Anchorage, AK 99502-5170

**Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** Mindy Rowland  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 02, 2014 9:54 AM  
**To:** Mindy Rowland  
**Subject:** FW: Support Smokefree Alaska

Mindy Rowland  
Legislative Aide  
Senator Peter Micciche  
465-2828

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

**From:** American Lung Association in Alaska [<mailto:takeaction@lungmtopacific.org>] On Behalf Of John Wanamaker  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 02, 2014 9:48 AM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Support Smokefree Alaska

Apr 2, 2014

Senator Peter Micciche  
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. John Wanamaker  
2964 Wentworth St  
Anchorage, AK 99508-4300

## Mindy Rowland

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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 02, 2014 9:54 AM  
**To:** Mindy Rowland  
**Subject:** FW: Support Smokefree Alaska

Mindy Rowland  
Legislative Aide  
Senator Peter Micciche  
465-2828

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

**From:** American Lung Association in Alaska [<mailto:takeaction@lungmtpacific.org>] On Behalf Of Christopher Jung  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 02, 2014 9:48 AM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Support Smokefree Alaska

Apr 2, 2014

Senator Peter Micciche  
AK

Dear Senator Micciche,

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Christopher Jung  
8360 Nadine St Apt 2  
Anchorage, AK 99507-3262

## Mindy Rowland

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**From:** Mindy Rowland  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 02, 2014 9:29 AM  
**To:** Mindy Rowland  
**Subject:** FW: Support Smokefree Alaska

Mindy Rowland  
Legislative Aide  
Senator Peter Micciche  
465-2828

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

**From:** American Lung Association in Alaska [<mailto:takeaction@lungmtpacific.org>] On Behalf Of Linda Gutierrez  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 02, 2014 8:48 AM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Support Smokefree Alaska

Apr 2, 2014

Senator Peter Micciche  
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Linda Gutierrez  
5339 Lionheart Dr  
Anchorage, AK 99508-2532

## **Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** Mindy Rowland  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 02, 2014 11:32 AM  
**To:** Mindy Rowland  
**Subject:** FW: Support Smokefree Alaska

Mindy Rowland  
Legislative Aide  
Senator Peter Micciche  
465-2828

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

**From:** American Lung Association in Alaska [<mailto:takeaction@lungmtpacific.org>] On Behalf Of Elaine Moses  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 02, 2014 11:18 AM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Support Smokefree Alaska

Apr 2, 2014

Senator Peter Micciche  
AK

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elaine Moses  
3500 Robin St  
Anchorage, AK 99504-4058  
(907) 538-4915

## Mindy Rowland

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**From:** Mindy Rowland  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 02, 2014 11:32 AM  
**To:** Mindy Rowland  
**Subject:** FW: Support Smokefree Alaska

Mindy Rowland  
Legislative Aide  
Senator Peter Micciche  
465-2828

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

**From:** American Lung Association in Alaska [<mailto:takeaction@lungmtpacific.org>] On Behalf Of Gregory Moses  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 02, 2014 11:18 AM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Support Smokefree Alaska

Apr 2, 2014

Senator Peter Micciche  
AK

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Gregory Moses  
3500 Robin St  
Anchorage, AK 99504-4058  
(907) 929-2280

## **Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** Mindy Rowland  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 02, 2014 3:54 PM  
**To:** Mindy Rowland  
**Subject:** FW: Support Smokefree Alaska

Mindy Rowland  
Legislative Aide  
Senator Peter Micciche  
465-2828

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

**From:** American Lung Association in Alaska [<mailto:takeaction@lungmtpacific.org>] On Behalf Of Lisbeth Jackson  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 02, 2014 12:18 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Support Smokefree Alaska

Apr 2, 2014

Senator Peter Micciche  
AK

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Lisbeth Jackson  
9000 N Palmer Fishhook Rd  
Palmer, AK 99645-8043  
(907) 745-6788

## Mindy Rowland

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**From:** Mindy Rowland  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 02, 2014 3:53 PM  
**To:** Mindy Rowland  
**Subject:** FW: Support Smokefree Alaska

Mindy Rowland  
Legislative Aide  
Senator Peter Micciche  
465-2828

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

**From:** American Lung Association in Alaska [<mailto:takeaction@lungmtpacific.org>] On Behalf Of Kiana peacock  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 02, 2014 1:18 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Support Smokefree Alaska

Apr 2, 2014

Senator Peter Micciche  
AK

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kiana peacock  
7802 Honeysuckle Dr  
Anchorage, AK 99502-4538  
(907) 229-8924

**Mindy Rowland**

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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 02, 2014 3:53 PM  
**To:** Mindy Rowland  
**Subject:** FW: Support Smokefree Alaska

Mindy Rowland  
Legislative Aide  
Senator Peter Micciche  
465-2828

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

**From:** American Lung Association in Alaska [<mailto:takeaction@lungmtpacific.org>] On Behalf Of Sheila Hurst  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 02, 2014 1:48 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Support Smokefree Alaska

Apr 2, 2014

Senator Peter Micciche  
AK

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Sheila Hurst  
PO Box 301  
Copper Center, AK 99573-0301

**Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** American Lung Association in Alaska <takeaction@lungmtpacific.org> on behalf of Margaret Krize <sing\_66@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 03, 2014 9:20 AM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Support Smokefree Alaska

Apr 3, 2014

Senator Peter Micciche  
AK

Dear Senator Micciche,

I support a state law to prohibit smoking indoors.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Margaret Krize  
PO Box 70275  
Fairbanks, AK 99707-0275  
(907) 351-4669

**Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** American Lung Association in Alaska <takeaction@lungmtpacific.org> on behalf of Karen Procter <kmprocter@gci.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 02, 2014 6:49 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Support Smokefree Alaska

Apr 2, 2014

Senator Peter Micciche  
AK

Dear Senator Micciche,

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Karen Procter  
2500 Saint Elias Dr  
Anchorage, AK 99517-1249

**Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** American Lung Association in Alaska <takeaction@lungmtpacific.org> on behalf of Joan Cahill <joanmcahill@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 02, 2014 4:49 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Support Smokefree Alaska

Apr 2, 2014

Senator Peter Micciche  
AK

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Joan Cahill  
1750 Evergreen Ave  
Juneau, AK 99801-1422  
(907) 723-3949

## **Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** American Lung Association in Alaska <takeaction@lungmtpacific.org> on behalf of Norma Jean Frank <jeanfrank2@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 02, 2014 10:18 AM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Support Smokefree Alaska

Apr 2, 2014

Senator Peter Micciche  
AK

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Norma Jean Frank  
623 Degroff St  
Sitka, AK 99835-7443  
(608) 604-4592

**Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** Courtenay Gomez (via Twitter) <notify@twitter.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 03, 2014 10:42 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** @CourtenayElaine favorited a Tweet you were mentioned in!



Peter Micciche,  
A Tweet you were mentioned in got favorited!



Alison Kulas  
@AlisonKulas

Thank you for sharing your story Senator @pmiccic! Too many of us have stories like yours. ALL Alaskans deserve smokefree workplaces! #aksfw  
10:39 PM - 03 Apr 14

**Favorited by**



Courtenay Gomez @CourtenayElaine  
Fish ~ Family ~ Fun Bristol Bay Native

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**Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** Alison Kulas (via Twitter) <notify@twitter.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 03, 2014 10:39 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Alison Kulas (@AlisonKulas) mentioned you on Twitter!

Thank you for sharing your story Senator @pmiccic! Too many of us have stories like yours. ALL Alaskans deserve smokefree workplaces! #aksfw - @AlisonKulas



Peter Micciche,  
You were mentioned in a Tweet!



[Alison Kulas @AlisonKulas](#)

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Thank you for sharing your story Senator @pmiccic! Too many of us have stories like yours. ALL Alaskans deserve smokefree workplaces! #aksfw

06:39 AM - 04 Apr 14

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## Mindy Rowland

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**From:** LUNGS Need Clean Air (via Twitter) <notify@twitter.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 03, 2014 3:08 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** @Scaler17 favorited a Tweet you were mentioned in!



Peter Micciche,  
A Tweet you were mentioned in got favorited!



Smoke-Free Alaska  
@SmokeFreeAlaska

Thank you Senator @pmiccic for being our champion for a statewide #smokefree indoor workplace law! youtu.be/q5ILnNEF0eM #akleg #aksfw  
10:53 PM - 03 Apr 14

### Favorited by



LUNGS Need Clean Air @Scaler17

I Quit Smoking with Acamprosate. I was hooked on Nicotine some 30 years. I'm Nicotine free now for about 7 years, no urges.  
https://t.co/SU4Zp0TaTk

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## Mindy Rowland

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**From:** Heather Aronno (via Twitter) <notify@twitter.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 03, 2014 2:54 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** @haronno favorited a Tweet you were mentioned in!



Peter Micciche,  
A Tweet you were mentioned in got favorited!



Smoke-Free Alaska  
@SmokeFreeAlaska

Thank you Senator [@pmiccic](#) for being our champion for a statewide [#smokefree](#) indoor workplace law! [youtu.be/q5ILnNEF0eM](http://youtu.be/q5ILnNEF0eM) [#akleg](#) [#aksfw](#)  
10:53 PM - 03 Apr 14

### Favorited by



Heather Aronno [@haronno](#)

I like to keep up on Alaska community events and stories. I've also got a thing for getting people to adopt pets. You've been warned.

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**Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** Thomas McGrath <tommcgrath@gci.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 07, 2014 4:15 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** SB209 E-cigarettes

Dear Senator Micciche:

During your consideration of Senate Bill 209 I encourage you to ensure that e-cigarettes are included as devices that must comply with all other smoking or non smoking requirements in the State of Alaska.

Smoke-free air for all Alaskans is important to me. Nobody should have to choose between their health and their job. If people want to smoke tobacco or use e-cigarettes, they're free to do so. They just need to take it outside.

Ultra-fine particles and volatile organic compounds have been found in the secondhand aerosol of e-cigarettes. Both of these pollutants are risks for lung cancer, the #1 cancer killer. In addition, the FDA found heavy metals and other carcinogens, along with nicotine in the emissions of electronic cigarette products.

As a cancer survivor who had complications at Alaska hospitals and subsequently spent time at the Mayo clinic, I received quite the education in what causes cancer. Doctors and surgeons at the Mayo clinic use the number of 80% of which cancer is caused by smoking. I heard the number over and over. I have not smoked since 1981 but was assured that smoking probably caused my cancer. Since then I and my wife, who is also a cancer survivor, are very cognizant of places where smoking is allowed, even in an outside area, and avoid those areas. We feel that all parks should be added to the list of places where smoking is not allowed.

Please keep HB360 and SB209 moving through committee so Alaskans can breathe easier starting this year and Alaska can become the 31<sup>st</sup> state to protect its citizens with a statewide law. Thank you for your support.

Tom McGrath

250-4302

## Mindy Rowland

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**From:** Mark Roddy <snowee\_owl@ak.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 07, 2014 12:21 PM  
**To:** Sen. Pete Kelly; Sen. Lyman Hoffman; sen.johnny.ellis@akleg.gov; Sen. Kevin Meyer; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Fred Dyson; Sen. Cathy Giessel; Sen. Bill Wielechowski; Sen. Bert Stedman; Sen. John Coghill; Rep. David Guttenberg; emily.nenon@cancer.org; mike.gutierrez@cancer.org; essa@alaska.net; ron.fuhrer@neaalaska.org; charles.boyle@neaalaska.org; lydia.garcia@neaalaska.org  
**Subject:** Smoke-Free Alaska Workplace

I am writing in support of having a smoke-free workplace. To me a smoke-free workplace is a given. I work at the Fairbanks School District where smoking is not allowed in the building. Some people in Alaska are not so lucky. Many bars & restaurants are not smoke-free. I also include e-cigarettes within the realm of smoking.

I am subjected to second hand smoke from my husband, who has been a smoker most of his life. He does smoke outside while I am at home, but when I am not home he does sneak some in, I find evidence in water bottles he has used as ashtrays. He does roll the window down in the vehicle, but in the winter this option does not work so well. I have sinus issues, I believe, in part due to second hand smoke.

One of the things I volunteer for is American Cancer Society - Fairbanks Relay for Life. I am the Advocacy Chair for our local Relay. I come in contact with many, many people who have many different forms of cancer. I am sure that at least one person I know has some form of cancer due to second hand smoke. I took photos of people from the 2013 Fairbanks Relay for Life who also support a smoke-free workplace, but could not attach them on this email..

I was in the room in Juneau for the April 3, Senate State Affairs committee & was in line to testify, but time did not allow for it. I was pleased to meet Michael Patterson & happy that he spoke up & got to be heard before the committee.

Flora Roddy  
480 Jeannette Way # 3  
Fairbanks, AK 99709  
907-371-9274

# Dalrymple Law, P.C.

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April 7, 2014

**Via Email Only**

Senator Fred Dyson  
State Capitol, Room 121  
Juneau, AK 99801  
Email: [sen.fred.dyson@akleg.gov](mailto:sen.fred.dyson@akleg.gov)

Representative Bill Stoltze  
State Capitol, Room 515  
Juneau, AK 99801  
Email: [Representative.bill.stoltze@akleg.gov](mailto:Representative.bill.stoltze@akleg.gov)

Dear Senator Dyson and Representative Stoltze:

I understand that various committees will be taking testimony on SB209 and HB360 on the Smoke Free Workplaces initiative. Since I will be out of state for part of the week, I wanted to make sure to get my comments to you in writing on this important issue.

As a Palmer community volunteer, business owner, and parent, I am proud and grateful for the example Palmer has set for the rest of the state on the importance of making health a priority, and showing that doing so is economically sustainable. We need to protect employees and customers from the dangers of second-hand smoke on a state-wide level. As a business owner, I want my employees and clients to enjoy a business environment free of dangerous carcinogens. No one should have to take health risks in order to make a living.

The Smoke Free Workplaces initiative is important to me as a parent who travels with my children to unincorporated areas in the state. Last year, a friend invited us to her lodge to help with and watch the Copper Basin 300 dog sled race. Having never been there before, I was concerned to find that the only restaurant was in the same area of the building as the bar where both employees and guests were smoking. I could not subject my kids to those health risks, we cut our trip short, and have not returned. No one should have to take health risks in order to enjoy Alaska's businesses, restaurants, bars, lodges and tourism opportunities.

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I am also concerned about the unknown risks of e-cigarettes. Without uniform regulation and testing, I do not want my children exposed to e-cigarette emissions any more than I want them exposed to second-hand smoke. Any amount of exposure to nicotine or carcinogens is too much for my kids and should be too much for our hard-working employees and customers too.

I fully support everyone's right to breathe smoke-free air and time is of the essence for the state to make smoke-free Alaska a reality.

Sincerely,

  
Danalyn Dalrymple  
Attorney

DD:as

cc: Senator Micciche -- [sen.peter.micciche@akleg.gov](mailto:sen.peter.micciche@akleg.gov)  
Representative Holmes -- [representative.lindsev.holmes@akleg.gov](mailto:representative.lindsev.holmes@akleg.gov)  
Representative Higgins -- [representative.pete.higgins@akleg.gov](mailto:representative.pete.higgins@akleg.gov)  
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Representative Tarr -- [representative.geran.tarr@akleg.gov](mailto:representative.geran.tarr@akleg.gov)

## Mindy Rowland

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**From:** Judith Donegan <jdoneganak@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 08, 2014 5:11 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Click Bishop; Rep. Eric Feige; Rep. Lindsey Holmes  
**Subject:** Smoke Free Alaska  
**Attachments:** I am a retired valley resident who enjoys not cooking.docx

Greetings,

I am attaching a letter I wrote to the editor of the Mat-Su Frontiersman regarding my appreciation of smoke free workplaces. Please add the letter to the record for SB 209 and HB 360.

I urge you to pass this important legislation.

Thank you,

Judy Donegan  
13603 E. Oceanview Rd.  
Palmer AK 99645

I am a retired valley resident who doesn't really like to cook. I like to eat out. I am grateful for the many places these days where I can enjoy a meal without a ribbon of cigarette smoke wafting by my table, spoiling my enjoyment. So a big thanks to the Smoke-Free Workplace campaign for making dining smoke-free possible in Palmer and many other places. What I'd like to see happen now is for the Legislature to provide all Alaskans with that pleasure.

Of course, my dining experience is hardly the most important reason we need a smoke-free Alaska. The health of those who work in a smoke-filled workplace is potentially being damaged. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, non-smokers exposed to second-hand smoke increase their risk of heart disease and lung cancer by up to 30%. It is simply wrong to subject workers to that risk, often workers who have no other employment options. It is one thing to deliberately jeopardize one's own health; it is quite another to risk the health and enjoyment of others. It is time that we take seriously the dangers of cigarettes and recognize that, just as we cannot drive cars in ways that endanger others, we should not be allowed to contaminate the indoor air in public places.

We all need to be writing our representatives in the Legislature, urging them to get this important law passed before the fast-approaching end of the session.

**Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** American Lung Association in Alaska <takeaction@lungmtpacific.org> on behalf of Richard Kenshalo <rkenshalo@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 07, 2014 12:31 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Support Smokefree Alaska

Apr 7, 2014

Senator Peter Micciche  
AK

Dear Senator Micciche,

Smokefree air for all Alaskans is important to me.

This is public sense legislation. Smoking is a well-known health problem and carries a huge social and monetary cost to the general public. Nobody should have to choose between their health and their job. If people want to smoke tobacco or e-cigarettes, they are free to do so. They just need to take it outside. Please keep HB360 and SB209 moving through committee so Alaskans can breathe easier starting this year and Alaska can become the 31st state to protect its citizens with a statewide law.

Thank you for your support..

Sincerely,

Mr. Richard Kenshalo  
PO Box 2334  
Palmer, AK 99645-2334

## Mindy Rowland

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**From:** American Lung Association in Alaska <takeaction@lungmtpacific.org> on behalf of Julie Sadoris <julie.sadoris@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 07, 2014 1:01 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Support Smokefree Alaska

Apr 7, 2014

Senator Peter Micciche  
AK

Dear Senator Micciche,

Smokefree air for all Alaskans is important to me.

To protect the non-smoking people of Alaska, the state needs to pass the 'Take it Outside' bill so that everyone can breathe clean air. I lived in Atlanta when a similar plan was passed and the outcry from businesses stated they would lose business and close. Then I watched from Atlanta the same outcry from business owners in Anchorage. Thankfully, both cities passed these ordinances and business owners actually received more business...they didn't close. I became a customer where I would not have before, in both Atlanta and Anchorage.

Non-smoking businesses are good for the people of Alaska and good for business. Alaska needs to get with the times and protect non-smokers.  
It makes for a healthier smarter Alaska.

Having a family that has all passed away from smoking makes me sad.  
Please help protect innocent people who choose good to not smoke.

Julie

Thank you for your support..

Sincerely,

Ms. Julie Sadoris  
6421 E 10th Ave  
Anchorage, AK 99504-1786

**Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of Mark Wackler <markwackler@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 07, 2014 2:31 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Subject: Smoke-Free Workplaces The Time Has Come

Apr 7, 2014

Senator Peter Micciche  
State Capitol, Room 125  
120 Fourth Street  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Micciche,

The time for smoke-free workplaces across Alaska has come and the time for delay is over. With little more than two weeks left in this legislative session, action is needed right now. On Monday SB 209 will be heard in the Senate Health and Social Services Committee. It is critical to the health of thousands of Alaskan workers that this bill moves forward quickly.

The issue of smoke-free workplaces is a no-brainer in my opinion, and I find it somewhat embarrassing that the state of Alaska hasn't long ago banned smoking in public locations completely. I run a tourist based fishing business, and when we occasionally go out to get a drink after a long day of fishing, my clients are appalled that smoking is still allowed in our bars! The smoke-filled establishment is a turn off to customers and potential employees alike, and more than that, it puts their health at risk! Sure, there are some risks that go along with many fields of work, but those risks are necessary ones, while the risks associated with 2nd hand smoke are completely UN-necessary!  
Please do the right thing for employees, customers, business owners, and the general public overall.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. As the bills move forward your support will be greatly appreciated. The clock is ticking but there is still time to pass this life-saving legislation this session!

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Wackier  
PO Box 4653  
Soldotna, AK 99669-4653  
(907) 394-8378

## Mindy Rowland

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**From:** American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of A.Susan Smalley <asusansmalley@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 07, 2014 8:58 AM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Smokefree workplaces for Alaskan Workers' Health

Apr 7, 2014

Senator Peter Micciche  
State Capitol, Room 125  
120 Fourth Street  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

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I'm a cancer survivor.

My children's grandparent's both died of lung cancer and worked at jobs where they could smoke (1st hand) and breathe others' smoke (2nd hand).

The non-smokers among them were victims as well. But that was another day, when there was still denial about how toxic smoking and smoke were.

I too was forced to change jobs because of a smoke-filled setting that my lungs and body couldn't tolerate. So I found a job, smoke-free, that paid 1/3 of what the other one did and changed jobs. I had that option because I was working to earn money for a special event, NOT to feed and house my family. I had a choice that Alaskan workers rarely have.

Alaska should be providing healthy workplaces. That's why we don't want asbestos or tainted food etc. now. People shouldn't have to make serious economic decisions in order to breath healthy air.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to a healthier Alaska where employees can do their jobs in a safe environment.

Sincerely,  
Susan Smalley

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. As the bills move forward your support will be greatly appreciated. The clock is ticking but there is still time to pass this life-saving legislation this session!

Sincerely,

Mr. A.Susan Smalley  
105 Linwood Ln

Kenai, AK 99611-8112  
(907) 283-7469



**Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** American Lung Association in Alaska <takeaction@lungmtpacific.org> on behalf of Phyllis Hackett <hackett.phyllis@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 05, 2014 9:58 AM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Support Smokefree Alaska

Apr 5, 2014

Senator Peter Micciche  
AK

Dear Senator Micciche,

I support a state law to prohibit smoking indoors.

Breathing healthy smoke-free air is important to me and my family. All workers should be protected from the dangers of secondhand smoke in the workplace, and all Alaskans should be protected from secondhand smoke in public places. Please include e-cigarettes in this legislation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Phyllis Hackett  
500 Lincoln St Unit B4  
Sitka, AK 99835-7655

**Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** American Lung Association in Alaska <takeaction@lungmtpacific.org> on behalf of Roland Wirth <rolwirth@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 05, 2014 8:58 AM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Support Smokefree Alaska

Apr 5, 2014

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AK

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Roland Wirth  
612 Monastery St  
Sitka, AK 99835-7416  
(907) 752-0472

**Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** American Lung Association in Alaska <takeaction@lungmtpacific.org> on behalf of Grace Brooks <brooksgracie@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 05, 2014 8:28 AM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Support Smokefree Alaska

Apr 5, 2014

Senator Peter Micciche  
AK

Dear Senator Micciche,

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Grace Brooks  
9B Maksoutoff St  
Sitka, AK 99835  
(907) 738-8838

**Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** American Lung Association in Alaska <takeaction@lungmtpacific.org> on behalf of Michele Friedman <mitchalita@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 05, 2014 10:59 AM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Support Smokefree Alaska

Apr 5, 2014

Senator Peter Micciche  
AK

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Michele Friedman  
612 Monastery St  
Sitka, AK 99835-7416

**Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** American Lung Association in Alaska <takeaction@lungmtpacific.org> on behalf of Jennifer McNichol <mcnooco@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 05, 2014 6:29 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Support Smokefree Alaska

Apr 5, 2014

Senator Peter Micciche  
AK

Dear Senator Micciche,

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jennifer McNichol  
316 Wortman Loop  
Sitka, AK 99835-9617  
(907) 966-2601

## Mindy Rowland

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**From:** American Lung Association in Alaska <takeaction@lungmtpacific.org> on behalf of Judith A Kearns-Steffen <kearnsjm@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 05, 2014 5:59 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Support Smokefree Alaska

Apr 5, 2014

Senator Peter Micciche  
AK

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Judith A Kearns-Steffen  
1101 Halibut Point Rd  
Sitka, AK 99835-7148  
(907) 747-0514

## Mindy Rowland

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**From:** pam jenny <pamjenny23@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 05, 2014 7:59 PM  
**To:** Sen. Bert Stedman; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Kevin Meyer; Sen. Pete Kelly; Sen. Johnny Ellis  
**Subject:** HB 360 ... SB209 REAL LIFE

I hope this will help, but i am scared it's just about the money and not health.

(about kids and smoking) I started smoking at about 12 years old, i was at Diamond/Mears in the early '70's so i know kids will smoke if they want to no matter what, they will find a way (we all took them from our parents). I smoked my brother did not? why i don't know.

So i have smoked about 40 years. My grandma smoked, although she had to hide her cigarettes under carpet in a corner of the house from my grandpa and smoke when he was out. My mother smoked, she tried hard off and on over the years to stop, it was too powerful for her to stop and she died of cancer. I wish she were still here to try this new product and finally have the satisfaction of being able to stop smoking harmful tobacco cigarettes.

I tried the patches 3 or 4 times along with other pharmaceutical products.....they never worked!!! A friend opened a vape shop (you call them e cigs) i call them harm reduction devices.... or my mod. I went to her store June/2013 and have been tobacco free from that first day.....Wow, how amazing is that? Smoke free for the first time in my adult life thanks to vaping. And i can tell you now ..nicotine plays a very minor role in whatever is in cigs that keep you addicted..

Please let others have the chance to change their life and get off cigarettes, please.

I can't say enough about the change, i really thought i would be smoking tobacco even on my death bed, its just a amazing product .

It sure seems that "people" really don't want people to stop smoking, its such a hard fight for something so beneficial.

Thank you for your time..

Pam Jenny Palmer Ak.

**Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** American Lung Association in Alaska <takeaction@lungmtpacific.org> on behalf of  
Cindy Edwards <cindybeajunk@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 05, 2014 4:59 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Support Smokefree Alaska

Apr 5, 2014

Senator Peter Micciche  
AK

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Cindy Edwards  
10 Maksoutoff St  
Sitka, AK 99835-7555

**Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** American Lung Association in Alaska <takeaction@lungmtpacific.org> on behalf of Andrea Thomas <andrea61ghomas@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 06, 2014 10:02 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Support Smokefree Alaska

Apr 7, 2014

Senator Peter Micciche  
AK

Dear Senator Micciche,

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Andrea Thomas  
218 Shotgun Aly  
Sitka, AK 99835-9729

**Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** American Lung Association in Alaska <takeaction@lungmtpacific.org> on behalf of Debra Brushafer <dbrushafer@gci.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 06, 2014 10:02 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Support Smokefree Alaska

Apr 7, 2014

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AK

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Debra Brushafer  
101 Viking Way  
Sitka, AK 99835-9519

**Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** American Lung Association in Alaska <takeaction@lungmtpacific.org> on behalf of Kristen Green <kristengreen84@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 06, 2014 5:01 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Support Smokefree Alaska

Apr 6, 2014

Senator Peter Micciche  
AK

Dear Senator Micciche,

I support a state law to prohibit smoking indoors.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Kristen Green  
307 Charteris St  
Sitka, AK 99835-7040

**Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** American Lung Association in Alaska <takeaction@lungmtpacific.org> on behalf of Kristen Green <kristengreen84@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 06, 2014 5:01 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Kristen Green  
307 Charteris St  
Sitka, AK 99835-7040

**Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** American Lung Association in Alaska <takeaction@lungmtpacific.org> on behalf of Liz McKenzie <liz.creativeworks@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 06, 2014 8:00 AM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Support Smokefree Alaska

Apr 6, 2014

Senator Peter Micciche  
AK

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Liz McKenzie  
PO Box 144  
Sitka, AK 99835-0144

**Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** Heather Aronno (via Twitter) <notify@twitter.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 07, 2014 10:21 AM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** @haronno retweeted a Tweet you were mentioned in!



Peter Micciche,  
A Tweet you were mentioned in got retweeted!



**ACS CAN Alaska**  
**@acscanak**

Check out Senator @pmiccic's interview on how his family's experience shaped his dedication to #smokefree workplaces [youtu.be/2dvbd8pWu1Y](http://youtu.be/2dvbd8pWu1Y)  
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**Mindy Rowland**

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**Heather Aronno** [@haronno](#)

I like to keep up on Alaska community events and stories. I've also got a thing for getting people to adopt pets. You've been warned.

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**Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** American Lung Association in Alaska <takeaction@lungmtpacific.org> on behalf of Deborah Voves <dkvoves@gci.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 07, 2014 3:01 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Support Smokefree Alaska

Apr 7, 2014

Senator Peter Micciche  
AK

Dear Senator Micciche,

Smokefree air for all Alaskans is important to me.

Nobody should have to choose between their health and their job. If people want to smoke tobacco or e-cigarettes, they are free to do so.

They just need to take it outside. Please keep HB360 and SB209 moving through committee so Alaskans can breathe easier starting this year and Alaska can become the 31st state to protect its citizens with a statewide law.

Thank you for your support..

Sincerely,

Ms. Deborah Voves  
13231 Mountain Pl  
Anchorage, AK 99516-3150

**Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** American Lung Association in Alaska <takeaction@lungmtpacific.org> on behalf of  
Zanlan Williams <zanorzo@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 07, 2014 2:01 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Support Smokefree Alaska

Apr 7, 2014

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AK

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Thank you for your support..

Sincerely,

Mr. Zanlan Williams  
HC 89 Box 1751  
Willow, AK 99688-9602

## **Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** American Lung Association in Alaska <takeaction@lungmtpacific.org> on behalf of merilee smith <merileesmith@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 07, 2014 2:01 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Support Smokefree Alaska

Apr 7, 2014

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Sincerely,

Ms. merilee smith  
14140 Stover Pl  
Anchorage, AK 99516-4358

## Mindy Rowland

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**From:** American Lung Association in Alaska <takeaction@lungmtpacific.org> on behalf of Cathy Teich <cathyt@mtaonline.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 07, 2014 2:01 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Support Smokefree Alaska

Apr 7, 2014

Senator Peter Micciche  
AK

Dear Senator Micciche,

Smokefree air for all Alaskans is important to me.

Nobody should have to choose between their health and their job. If people want to smoke tobacco or e-cigarettes, they are free to do so.

They just need to take it outside....far enough outside so that the doorways doesn't reek with smoke. There are businesses that I can't even enter due to smoke being such a problem. Please keep HB360 and SB209 moving through committee so Alaskans can breathe easier starting this year and Alaska can become the 31st state to protect its citizens with a statewide law.

Thank you for your support..

Sincerely,

Ms. Cathy Teich  
PO Box 155  
Talkeetna, AK 99676-0155

**Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** American Lung Association in Alaska <takeaction@lungmtpacific.org> on behalf of Marge Stoneking <margestoneking@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 07, 2014 1:01 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Support Smokefree Alaska

Apr 7, 2014

Senator Peter Micciche  
AK

Dear Senator Micciche,

Smokefree air for all Alaskans is important to me.

Nobody should have to choose between their health and their job. If people want to smoke tobacco or e-cigarettes, they are free to do so.

They just need to take it outside. Please keep HB360 and SB209 moving through committee so Alaskans can breathe easier starting this year and Alaska can become the 31st state to protect its citizens with a statewide law.

Thank you for your support..

Sincerely,

Ms. Marge Stoneking  
3441 Andre'e Drive  
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Anchorage, AK 99517

**Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** American Lung Association in Alaska <takeaction@lungmtpacific.org> on behalf of Sarah Lawrie <justsosarah@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 05, 2014 7:58 AM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Support Smokefree Alaska

Apr 5, 2014

Senator Peter Micciche  
AK

Dear Senator Micciche,

I support a state law to prohibit smoking indoors.

Breathing healthy smoke-free air is important to me and my family. All workers should be protected from the dangers of secondhand smoke in the workplace, and all Alaskans should be protected from secondhand smoke in public places. Please include e-cigarettes in this legislation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Sarah Lawrie  
PO Box 6286  
Sitka, AK 99835-6286  
(907) 738-5234

## Mindy Rowland

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**From:** American Lung Association in Alaska <takeaction@lungmtpacific.org> on behalf of Charles Bingham <charleswbingham3@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 05, 2014 11:28 AM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Support Smokefree Alaska

Apr 5, 2014

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AK

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Charles Bingham  
404 Etolin Way Apt 1  
Sitka, AK 99835-7672  
(907) 738-8875

**Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** American Lung Association in Alaska <takeaction@lungmtpacific.org> on behalf of Norma Jean Frank <jeannfrank2@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 08, 2014 6:02 AM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Support Smokefree Alaska

Apr 8, 2014

Senator Peter Micciche  
AK

Dear Senator Micciche,

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Thank you for your support..

Sincerely,

Ms. Norma Jean Frank  
623 Degroff St  
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(608) 604-4592

## Mindy Rowland

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**From:** American Lung Association in Alaska <takeaction@lungmtpacific.org> on behalf of Colin Underwood <colin@cailean.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 08, 2014 12:02 AM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Support Smokefree Alaska

Apr 8, 2014

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AK

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Thank you for your support..

Sincerely,

Mr. Colin Underwood  
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Anchorage, AK 99504-3978

**Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** American Lung Association in Alaska <takeaction@lungmtpacific.org> on behalf of R. Goodrich <scribing@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 07, 2014 8:31 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Support Smokefree Alaska

Apr 7, 2014

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AK

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Sincerely,

Ms. R. Goodrich  
9607 Musket Ball Cir  
Anchorage, AK 99507-5389

**Mindy Rowland**

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**From:** American Lung Association in Alaska <takeaction@lungmtpacific.org> on behalf of catherine coward <scatycaty@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 07, 2014 6:01 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** Support Smokefree Alaska

Apr 7, 2014

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Thank you for your support..

Sincerely,

Ms. catherine coward  
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Anchorage, AK 99507-1261

From:  
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 12:45 PM  
To: Sen. Peter Micciche  
Subject: Protecting the remaining 50%

March 17, 2104

Dear Senator Micciche -

For the past nine years, I have had the opportunity to work in my community assisting tobacco users to quit, encouraging our youth to never start using tobacco and working with businesses to establish healthy, smokefree environments for their employees and patrons. After watching my own mother-in-law die of lung cancer from a 50 year smoking habit, what I do every day is not so much a job as it is a deep desire to encourage every individual in my community to make choices to enhance their health and well-being. I would guess that there are very few individuals, if any, that don't know someone who has been impacted by tobacco use and/or secondhand smoke.

Given what we know about the sickness and death associated with exposure to the toxins in secondhand smoke, I have spent a good share of my nine years working with businesses and organizations all across the Kenai Peninsula helping them to establish comprehensive smokefree workplace and campus policies. Without exception, every business or agency that I have worked with that has enacted policy has been happily surprised by the overall positive response from the employees and the public. One lounge that we worked with was very concerned about the potential negative impact on their revenues, but decided to go forward with a smokefree policy because they felt it was the right thing to do for the health of their employees and patrons. When I visited their remodeled, smokefree lounge several months later, I spoke with a server that was thrilled that she didn't have to go home smelling of smoke each night. The owner shared with me that her revenues had actually increased since going smokefree. Many folks who would not visit before because of the smoky atmosphere were coming in to check it out. I am one of those people!

When I began this journey in 2005, I worked in a strip mall with shared walls. The business next door allowed (and still allows) indoor smoking. By 2:00pm each afternoon, the smoke became so noxious that we often had to leave the office early because our eyes and throats were burning. The landlord tried different methods to modify the ventilation system, but nothing worked. Finally, in 2012, we were forced to find another rental space that had a smokefree workplace policy. Had the adjacent business simply required that their employees and patrons smoke outside and away from the door, we would still be in that office space. All workers deserve the right to a safe, healthy work environment. It would be great if businesses all voluntarily had smokefree policies, but they don't. My community is included in the 50% of Alaskans who do not enjoy this protection.

Thank you for all that you have done to promote healthy communities. I know that long after my current job ends, I will be doing everything that I can to ensure that my children, grandchildren and all future generations of Alaskans enjoy healthy, smokefree spaces.

Respectfully,

Jenny Olendorff, Program Coordinator

Peninsula Smokefree Partnership