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Daniel George

From: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of Andrea Thomas <ican@acscan.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 12:57 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Please support Senate Bill 1

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Mar 31, 2015

Senator Bill Stoltze
State Capitol, Room 125
120 Fourth Street
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Stoltze,

I'm writing to urge you to support Senate Bill 1 to prohibit smoking in workplaces and public places.

Everyone has the right to breathe smoke-free air. Unfortunately nearly half of Alaskans are in danger of being denied this basic right.

In Sitka I have seen the damaging effects of an ordinance that does not protect every worker. Smoking clubs are in the same buildings as other businesses. The workers in these businesses suffer health consequences due to secondhand smoke. No one deserves that. I have worked with numerous communities in SE Alaska that wish the state would pass a law to make their lives easier. We need this law this year. Please move it forward to protect all Alaskans from toxic secondhand smoke. I am also in favor of preventing people from being exposed to marijuana smoke and e cig vapors. We need you to help protect all Alaskans.

That's why I support Senate Bill 1, the Take it Outside Act, to get the smoke out of all Alaska workplaces. I hope I can count on you to protect the right of all Alaskans to breathe smoke-free air.

Sincerely,

Ms. Andrea Thomas
218 Shotgun Aly
Sitka, AK 99835-9729

Daniel George

From: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acsan.org> on behalf of George Menard <ican@acsan.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 5:58 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Please support Senate Bill 1

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The savings in health care costs could certainly go quite a ways towards offsetting any costs that might eventually be associated with extending Medicaid to 40,000 Alaskan citizens.

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Sincerely,

Mr. George Menard
PO Box 13168
Trapper Creek, AK 99683-0168

Daniel George

From: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of Jenny Olendorff <ican@acscan.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 12:27 PM
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Sincerely,

Mrs. Jenny Olendorff
PO Box 3918
Soldotna, AK 99669-3918

Daniel George

From: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of Kalen Saxton <ican@acscan.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 2:58 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
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I have lived in a smoke-free home for 43 years. I have worked in smoke-free work places for 35 years. It has been public knowledge for at least 40 years that second hand smoke can lead to Cancer in non-smoking adults and children.

Individuals who smoke can choose to damage their health, but at the work place TAKE IT OUTSIDE.

That's why I support Senate Bill 1, the Take it Outside Act, to get the smoke out of all Alaska workplaces. I hope I can count on you to protect the right of all Alaskans to breathe smoke-free air.

Sincerely,

Ms. Kalen Saxton
5023 Marlowe Ave # B
Anchorage, AK 99508-3738

Daniel George

From: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acsan.org> on behalf of Manuela Zigarlick <ican@acsan.org>
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Sincerely,

Mrs. Manuela Zigarlick
2525 Fritz cove road
Juneau, AK 99801

Daniel George

From: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of Maureen Knutsen <ican@acscan.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 8:57 AM
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Sincerely,

Ms. Maureen Knutsen
PO Box 134
Naknek, AK 99633

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Sincerely,

Mr. dogan ozkan
abbasaga mahallesi yildiz vaddesi no 39/1
Fairbanks, AK 997012106

Daniel George

From: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of Andrea Fenaughty <ican@acscan.org>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 6:26 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Please support Senate Bill 1

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It is time for Alaska to be smokefree. Let this be your legacy. Thank you.

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Sincerely,

Dr. Andrea Fenaughty
2400 Tradewind Dr
Anchorage, AK 99516-3401

Daniel George

From: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of Cindy Richmond <ican@acscan.org>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 7:26 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
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Sincerely,

Mrs. Cindy Richmond
PO Box 3104
Palmer, AK 99645-3104

Daniel George

From: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of Deborah Voves <ican@acscan.org>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 6:56 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
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Sincerely,

Ms. Deborah Voves
13231 Mountain Pl
Anchorage, AK 99516-3150

Daniel George

From: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acsan.org> on behalf of Heather Aronno <ican@acsan.org>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 6:25 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Please support Senate Bill 1

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Sincerely,

Ms. Heather Aronno
7020 Potomac Dr
Anchorage, AK 99504-2643

Daniel George

From: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acsan.org> on behalf of Lindsie Britten <ican@acsan.org>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 8:26 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Please support Senate Bill 1

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Sincerely,

Ms. Lindsie Britten
975 Stol Dr
North Pole, AK 99705-5317

Daniel George

From: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acsan.org> on behalf of Megan McAfee <ican@acsan.org>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 7:26 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
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Sincerely,

Ms. Megan McAfee
665 10th Ave
Apt 108
Fairbanks, AK 99701-4663

Daniel George

From: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acsan.org> on behalf of Rebecca Barker <ican@acsan.org>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 4:55 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Please support Senate Bill 1

Mar 30, 2015

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

Dear Senator Stoltze,

I'm writing to urge you to support Senate Bill 1 to prohibit smoking in workplaces and public places.

Everyone has the right to breathe smoke-free air. Unfortunately nearly half of Alaskans are in danger of being denied this basic right.

This bill would reduce employer insurance costs, reduce health care costs around Alaska and be a step in the direction of justice for all Alaskan workers.

That's why I support Senate Bill 1, the Take it Outside Act, to get the smoke out of all Alaska workplaces. I hope I can count on you to protect the right of all Alaskans to breathe smoke-free air.

Sincerely,

Ms. Rebecca Barker
2000 Bunker St
Anchorage, AK 99503-1861

Daniel George

From: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of Vanessa Hiratsuka <ican@acscan.org>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 10:56 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Please support Senate Bill 1

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Sincerely,

Dr. Vanessa Hiratsuka
8339 Eleusis Drive
Anchorage, AK 99502-4631

Daniel George

From: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of Charles Newberg Jr. <ican@acscan.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2015 12:37 AM
Subject: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Please support Senate Bill 1

Apr 2, 2015

Senator Bill Stoltze
State Capitol, Room 125
120 Fourth Street
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Stoltze,

I'm writing to urge you to support Senate Bill 1 to prohibit smoking in workplaces and public places.

Everyone has the right to breathe smoke-free air. Unfortunately nearly half of Alaskans are in danger of being denied this basic right.

I really believe that protecting our workforce from both secondhand smoke as well as second hand vapor is very important to the health of all Alaskans and hope you will support SB1.
Thank you.

That's why I support Senate Bill 1, the Take it Outside Act, to get the smoke out of all Alaska workplaces. I hope I can count on you to protect the right of all Alaskans to breathe smoke-free air.

Sincerely,

Mr. Charles Newberg Jr.
1371 Woll Rd
North Pole, AK 99705-5523

Daniel George

From: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acsan.org> on behalf of Erin Shefflette <ican@acsan.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2015 12:07 AM
Subject: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Please support Senate Bill 1

Apr 2, 2015

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

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Smoke-free workplaces are not only a whole lot better for the health of workers and Alaskans like me, but they improve productivity and set a healthy example for our children. I personally have had the inopportunity to be in a smoking workplace breakroom as a nonsmoker and know how it can affect a person in their daily work even if they do not smoke themselves.

That's why I support Senate Bill 1, the Take it Outside Act, to get the smoke out of all Alaska workplaces. I hope I can count on you to protect the right of all Alaskans to breathe smoke-free air.

Sincerely,

Ms. Erin Shefflette
1371 Woll Rd
North Pole, AK 99705-5523

Daniel George

From: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of Johna Beech <ican@acscan.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 11:04 AM
Subject: Sen. Bill Stoltze
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Apr 1, 2015

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I urge you to support SB1!

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Sincerely,

Ms. Johna Beech
PO Box 2258
Kenai, AK 99611-2258

Daniel George

From: Jason stenson <jason_stenson@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 9:01 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Please Oppose SB 1 and HB 40 and any other effort to treat e-cigarettes like smoking.

Jason stenson
8231 spruce st
anchorage, AK 99507

March 31, 2015

Dear Bill Stoltze,

I am writing to express my deep concern and opposition regarding HB 40 and SB 1 which would include the use of smoke-free vapor products (e-cigarettes) in Alaska's smoking law.

Smoking laws are ostensibly enacted to protect the public from the harm of secondhand smoke, but smoke-free e-cigarettes have not been shown to cause harm to bystanders. In fact, all evidence to date shows that the low health risks associated with e-cigarettes are comparable to other smokeless nicotine products. A comprehensive review conducted by Dr. Igor Burstyn of Drexel University School of Public Health (and published in a peer-reviewed journal earlier this year - <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/14/18/abstract>) examined over 9,000 observations of e-cigarette liquid and vapor and found "no apparent concern" for bystanders exposed to e-cigarette vapor, even under "worst case" assumptions about exposure.

Lawmakers must beware of unintended consequences from well-intentioned laws. There is clear evidence of a phenomenon called "accidental quitting," wherein many of the smokers who initially choose e-cigarettes to use just where smoking is prohibited go on to quit smoking conventional cigarettes completely. Prohibiting the use of e-cigarettes in public spaces completely eliminates that incentive to even try e-cigarettes. Unfortunately, the health risks of every one smoker who doesn't quit because e-cigarette use is prohibited (and the risks to the children and others who live with them) cumulatively outweigh any good done by eliminating the miniscule exposures to even hundreds of bystanders in public spaces.

Clearly, the benefits of allowing smokers to use e-cigarettes in public--and thereby increasing the likelihood of "accidental quitting" and reducing the known, extremely high health risks of smoking--outweigh the very low risks of insignificant exposures to bystanders. So, not only is there no genuine public health reason to prohibit e-cigarette use in public spaces, but, in fact, allowing e-cigarettes to be used in public spaces will actually improve public health by inspiring other smokers to switch and reduce their health risks by an estimated 99%. Moreover, private businesses in Alaska are already setting their own policies, and they should retain the right to allow or disallow usage since there is no proven health threat to bystanders.

While I understand some have expressed a fear about these products acting as a "gateway" to traditional cigarettes for youth, there is no evidence to suggest this is really happening, and research actually shows it is unlikely to happen to any substantial extent. Teen smoking rates are at their lowest point since smoking became popular and continue to drop, but there are adults who will continue to smoke until they die unless we provide attractive alternatives.

I urge you to oppose these bills and any legislation that would limit where smoke-free products like e-cigarettes can be used. It is imperative that existing adult smokers become aware of all the alternatives currently available and that access to these products remains unimpeded.

I look forward to your response on this issue. I, along with my fellow members of CASAA (Consumer Advocates for Smoke-free Alternatives Association), thank you for considering my comments and hope you will oppose misguided attempts to limit adult use of smoke-free e-cigarettes.

Sincerely,
Jason stenson

Daniel George

From: Meagan Johnson <mjohnson41491@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 11:22 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Please Oppose SB 1 and HB 40 and any other effort to treat e-cigarettes like smoking.

Meagan Johnson
2709 E 17th avenue
Anchorage, AK 99508

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Meagan Johnson

Daniel George

From: Michael Laggis <fishgod@outlook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 11:11 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Please Oppose SB 1 and HB 40 and any other effort to treat e-cigarettes like smoking.

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Michael Laggis
2820 N. Silver Creek Dr.
Palmer, AK 99645

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Michael Laggis

Daniel George

From: Shauna Tieszen <Shaunaonefamily@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 9:38 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
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Shauna Tieszen
8901 Kruger dr
Anchorage, AK 99508

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Sincerely,
Shauna Tieszen

Daniel George

From: Jamie Chilton <highvapes@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2015 11:16 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Please Oppose SB 1 and HB 40 and any other effort to treat e-cigarettes like smoking.

Jamie Chilton
11887 Kenai Spur Hwy STE B
Kenai, AK 99611

March 27, 2015

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Jamie Chilton

Daniel George

From: Amber Wright <amberchucky@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2015 5:40 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Please Oppose SB 1 and HB 40 and any other effort to treat e-cigarettes like smoking.

Amber Wright
46405 Shawna Ln.
Kenai, AK 99611

April 6, 2015

Dear Bill Stoltze,

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Daniel George

From: Anthony Lugo <lugo.anthony1987@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2015 12:23 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Please Oppose SB 1 and HB 40 and any other effort to treat e-cigarettes like smoking.

Anthony Lugo
5111 Merle Circle
Anchorage, AK 99507

April 3, 2015

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Daniel George

From: Billie Longfellow <bittysue@live.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 10:09 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Please Oppose SB 1 and HB 40 and any other effort to treat e-cigarettes like smoking.

Billie Longfellow
15816 N. Glenn Hwy #102
Sutton, AK 99674

April 2, 2015

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From: James Manakis <jmanakais@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 2:13 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Please Oppose SB 1 and HB 40 and any other effort to treat e-cigarettes like smoking.

James Manakis
349 Park Street
Anchorage, AK 99508

April 1, 2015

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Just think if you ban you will collect more in taxes in generating the taxes we get from the smokers, which in turn are causing a health standard nightmare. I suggest the government get out of the public sector drop anarchy methods allow the people to grow up and become adults and choose what they feel is right. (And wrong) If you should pass another bill as such, remember how unconstitutionally biased as demi gods would act. We are not children and are supposed to by law have free thinking and acting. In so much as idyllic methods just look in a mirror and see what you are or want to be. We DO not work for you. YOU work for us. At least this is what I was taught. Yes I agree there are a few places that it should probably not be done. However let the owner choose the proper method to what customers and employers can and cannot do. This is not your job! Sorry to say I have just started doing e- cigarettes after through research I too do not want to see in a movie theater the vapor. However this is not your place to enforce or enact any law when the establishments are the ones to do. You will find 99% will abide by their requests. Simple or they can be asked to leave. Remember the right to choose to serve whomever they want. There are already laws on the books for this if they do not abide.

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James Manakis

Daniel George

From: Steven Mapes <akgofast@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2015 9:30 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Please Oppose SB 1 and HB 40 and any other effort to treat e-cigarettes like smoking.

Steven Mapes
47870 Interlake Drive
Kenai, AK 99611

April 2, 2015

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Sincerely,
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Daniel George

From: Travis smith <alyeskatravis@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2015 1:44 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Please Oppose SB 1 and HB 40 and any other effort to treat e-cigarettes like smoking.

Travis smith
35173 Rockwood drive
soldotna, AK 99669

April 7, 2015

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Travis smith



Daniel George

From: chase griffith <lastat81@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 2:15 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Please Oppose SB 1 and HB 40 and any other effort to treat e-cigarettes like smoking.

chase griffith
54200 Leonard dr
kenai, AK 99611

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chase griffith

Daniel George

From: Jane Schneider <jschneider@aktriallaw.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 1:05 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Please Oppose SB 1 and HB 40 and any other effort to treat e-cigarettes like smoking.

Jane Schneider
18040 Spain Drive
Anchorage, AK 99516

April 14, 2015

Dear Bill Stoltze,

I quit smoking using e-cigs. I had smoked for over 35 years. E-cigs are helping smokers across the Nation kick the tobacco habit. I use my e-cigarette in the car with the windows closed and my husband cannot smell the vapor. E-cigs are benign and should not be banned as a dangerous substance. Treating e-cigs like cigarettes is knee-jerk, uninformed reaction.

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Jane Schneider

Daniel George

From: Pamela Bush <perennial@gci.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 2:55 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Please Oppose SB 1 and HB 40 and any other effort to treat e-cigarettes like smoking.

Pamela Bush
919 1/2 E 9th Ave
Anchorage, AK 99501

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Name: BRIAN GABRIEL SR Title _____

Organization Phone Number: 283-4519 Contact Email: gabriel1@alaska.net

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Sincerely,



Printed Name: Leslie Rohr

Signature: 

Physical address or Senate/House District: 533 Pace St.
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Date: 2-26-15

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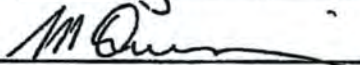
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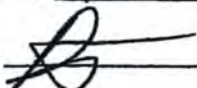
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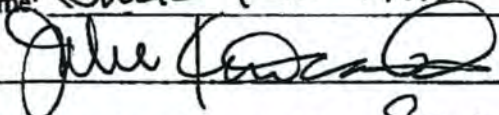
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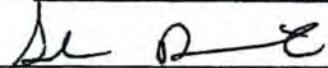
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Physical address or Senate/House District: Nikiski

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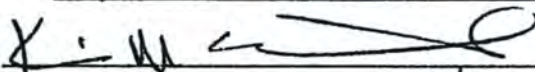
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Physical address or Senate/House District: 47380 Holt Road
NiKiski, AK 99635

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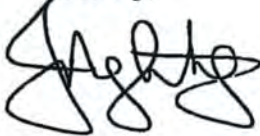
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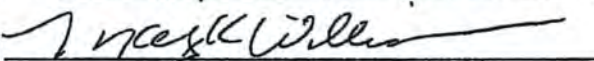
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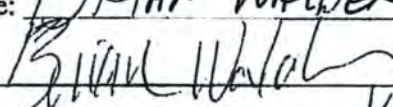
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Physical address or Senate/House District: STERLING, ALASKA

Date: 2/27/15

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Signature: Kathy Gensel

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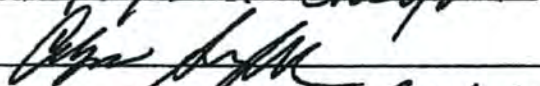
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Physical address or Senate/House District: Soldotna 115 Green Valley St
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Signature: Andi Taylor

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Signature: 

Physical address or Senate/House District: 46810 Pintail Ave
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Signature: *Barbara C. Anderson*

Physical address or Senate/House District: 53675 Foley Dr
Kenai AK 99611

Date: 2-26-15

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Signature: Elaine M. Larson

Physical address or Senate/House District: 3040 Kim N. Ang Ct
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Signature: *Douglas Norbeck*

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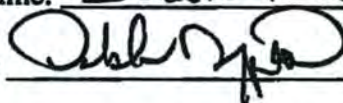
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Physical address or Senate/House District: 110 Deepwood Ct
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Signature: Suzanna Metteer

Physical address or Senate/House District: 34715 Brumlow Pl
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April 2, 2015
Bill Packet Information

SB 74 MEDICAID REFORM/PFD/HSAS/ER USE/STUDIES

<Pending Referral>

- *Documents Forthcoming*

SB 1 REGULATION OF SMOKING

<Initial Presentation by Sponsor>

- Sponsor Statement - CS(HSS) Version
- Sectional Analysis - CS(HSS) Version
- Explanation of Changes from Initial to HSS Version
- SB 1 version \I - CS(HSS)
- SB 1 version \E - Initial (*sponsor substitute*)
- Fiscal Notes:
 - #1 - DOT-MVO 2-6-15 (**Fiscal**)
 - #2 - DOT-IASO 2-6-15 (**Fiscal**)
 - #3 - DOT-SEF 2-6-15 (**Fiscal**)
 - #4 - DOT-TMS 2-6-15 (**Fiscal**)
 - #5 - DCCED-ABC 2-6-15 (**Zero**)
 - #6 - ACS-TRC 2-6-15 (**Zero**)
 - #7 - DHSS-CDPHP 2-6-15 (**Zero**)
 - #8 - DEC-FSS 3-6-15 (**Zero**)
- PowerPoint Presentation by Sponsor
- Supporting Documents:
 - Research Source Documents - Sponsor
 - E-Cigarettes - Sponsor
 - Legal Opinions - Provided by Sponsor
 - AS 44.29.020 - Lethal Effects of Secondhand Smoke
 - SoA Impacts
 - Dittman Research Public Opinion Poll (2012): Statewide Smoke-Free Workplace

- News Coverage - Provided by Sponsor
- News Articles: Secondhand Smoke & E-Cigs - Provided by Sponsor
- Letters to the Editor (Jan-Mar 2015) - Provided by Sponsor
- 2014 Surgeon General Report on Smoking - Executive Summary
- Unique Letters of Support since referral to SSTA (3-13-15 to 3-31-15) (5)
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○ **NOTE: Three large binders accompany the backup/bill packet for SB 1**

These binders include support and opposition letters received by the Senate H&SS Committee and made available to members of that committee.

These binders will be available in the Chairman's office for review/loan to any legislator or staff member. Every attempt is being made to post these documents on BASIS with help from the Print Shop and Information Services.

- Letters of Support
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SB 58 TRANSPORT NETWORK SVES. & WORKERS COMP

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--Public Testimony--

- *Documents Forthcoming*

SB 91 CRIMINAL LAW/PROCEDURE; DRIV LIC; PUB AID

<Initial Presentation by Sponsor>

- Sectional Analysis - Version \H
- SB 91 version \H - *Initial Version*
- Fiscal Notes:
 - DOA-DMV 3-27-15 (Zero)
 - DOA-OPA 3-27-15 (Zero)
 - DOA-PDA 3-27-15 (Zero)
 - DOC-OC 3-31-15 (Indeterminate)
 - LAW-CRIM 3-27-15 (Zero)
 - *Forthcoming:* HSS

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Letters
of Opposition and Support
For SB1 – Regulation of
Smoking

Senator Bill Stoltze
Senate HSS Committee

dated 2/16/15
Oppose – 116
Support - 23

To Whom It May Concern,

I do not support Senate Bill 1 in its current form. The inclusion of "electronic cigarettes" is negligent and factually inappropriate. The secondhand effect from vaporizers is negligible per "Peering Through The Mist", Drexel University.

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Grant Memmott

Name

13223 Old Seward Hwy #1 Anch AK 99519

Address

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Starla Millner

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Thank you,

NATHAN ZOREA
Name

3354 Leonard CIR ANC AK 99507
Address

Hello thank you for having me here today,

my name is benjamin nguyen, i am the co owner of cloud 49 located in eagle river alaska

im here to express my concern in ~~the~~ regards to the senate bill 1 and its definition.

included the author and sponsor of this bill. Senator Peter Micciche has personal electronic vaporizers also known to the public as electronic cigarette.

Senator Micciche, in your sponsor statement you stated, and i quote " the reason is simply to protect the rights of non-smokers, save lives and reduce the staggering health cost of second hand exposure to tobacco ~~use~~ end quote
use

in another article it also has your statement stated " my father made his personal choices" said Micciche "but my siblings and i didn't.

Im the lucky of the three. They all had respiratory issues from from living through second-hand effects" end quote
Smoke

Senator Micciche, I now FULLY understand how passionate you and your team are. Placing yourselves as the voice of the weak and unable, and the young that doesnt know any better. To prevent the same thing from happening as DID to your sibling.

200% steadfast in this matter.

But Senator because your this personal vendetta, and passion, it has clouded your judgement.

You see, me and you and fellow shop owners are actually working together, side by side to reach similar GOALS, and that is a healthier lifestyle.

You choose to fight the fight of bystanders and innocents. While we choose to fight the fight at its source. The frontline, converting tradition smokers everyday to a safer alternative.

With that being said Senator I urge you and your team to reconsider and rewrite Senate Bill 1. That it would exclude electronic cigarette and its establishment from the definition.

In closing

I ask you to reach out to us, learn about us as its community and as its industries.

Thank you for your time

Alaska Senate Bill 1

2-11-15

Hello,

My name is Jesse James. I own and operate a small electronic cigarette business (907 Vapes) here in Anchorage, AK. I'd like to thank the chairman and the committee for affording me the opportunity to speak today.

I would like to say that I oppose Senate Bill 1 the way that it is currently written. Because, for one it has included the use of electronic cigarettes as smoking. While vaping may look like smoking, it is far less harmful than that of traditional tobacco cigarettes. In fact, studies have shown that vapor exhalations are not distinguishable from regular exhaled breaths in testing. I have provided an article published in October 2014 to show this research.

The next reason that I oppose Senate Bill 1 is because I don't believe that it has a positive impact on the budget of the Department of Health and Social Services. If I'm not mistaken, the enforcement of this bill should it become law is to be carried out by the Department of Health and Social Services. This particular department already has a 2.7 billion dollar budget which I believe is the highest of all departments. With the price of Oil falling right now and the fact that 90% of our revenue comes from oil, I believe that we should be focusing our attention on larger issues like, How do we decrease spending, or how do we increase revenue. As you all know proposition 2 passed and the state looks to gain a substantial amount of revenue from its soon to be new industry. I feel that we should be looking to decrease our 3.5 billion dollar deficit rather than increasing it. In closing I would like to say thank you again for your time and consideration in this matter.

Cliff Kraemer
V.P. of Sales
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February 9, 2015

Dear Senator Stedman:

Please consider holding SB 1 from any further progress through the legislative process. As a wholesale company started in Ketchikan, Northern Sales employs Alaskans all over the state.

We oppose SB 1 as an unnecessary intrusion into the autonomy of Alaska communities. Ketchikan, for example, has enjoyed the ability to determine for itself--without a State-ordered mandate--whether to allow smoking in workplace buildings. The communities you represent should continue to exercise local control over issues that affect them, wherever possible. This bill constitutes a direct affront to this idea.

In addition, the inclusion of electronic cigarettes as exactly the same thing as a real cigarette is disingenuous and inappropriate. If this bill moves from your committee, it should be amended to remove the inclusion of e-cigarettes from the ban.

E-cigarettes are not cigarettes at all; they contain no tobacco. The notion that they are placed on exactly the same level as tobacco cigarettes, and pose the same risks, is absurd. To the contrary, there is growing scientific and anecdotal evidence that e-cigarettes are very effective substitutes for many addicted, chronic cigarette smokers. They should be encouraged, not forbidden. If the public health community really wants to save lives in Alaska, they should be thrilled that people have started to explore alternatives to real cigarettes. Instead, dogmatic thought, hatred of Big Tobacco, and emotional hysteria have replaced good science and rational thought. Anyone who believes in saving lives should be the first in line to promote these new alternatives to smoking.

In addition, Alaska and 40 other states have asked the FDA to issue findings and regulations on e-cigarettes, which is expected any time now. Alaska is acting prematurely and will surely create complications and confusing regulations by jumping into this arena too soon. Let the science come out and act accordingly at that time. That is the proper role of government. Less is more. Alaska would be only the 4th state to include e-cigarettes in the smoking ban. We should be among the last to act in this area, not the first. Government should intrude as little as possible into people's lives. Please amend the bill to remove any reference to e-cigarettes if you must move the bill from your Committee.

Sincerely,

Cliff Kraemer
V.P. of Sales – Northern Sales Co.

cc. Alaska Legislature


Christie Jamieson

From: Aronca Robinson <roxette22@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 13, 2015 8:47 AM
To: Sen. Bert Stedman
Subject: Please Oppose SB 1 and HB 40 and any other effort to treat e-cigarettes like smoking.

Aronca Robinson
5521 E 38th Ct
Anchorage, AK 99504

February 13, 2015

Dear Bert Stedman,

I am writing to express my deep concern and opposition regarding HB 40 and SB 1 which would include the use of smoke-free vapor products (e-cigarettes) in Alaska's smoking law.

Smoking laws are ostensibly enacted to protect the public from the harm of secondhand smoke, but smoke-free e-cigarettes have not been shown to cause harm to bystanders. In fact, all evidence to date shows that the low health risks associated with e-cigarettes are comparable to other smokeless nicotine products. A comprehensive review conducted by Dr. Igor Burstyn of Drexel University School of Public Health (and published in a peer-reviewed journal earlier this year - <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/14/18/abstract>) examined over 9,000 observations of e-cigarette liquid and vapor and found "no apparent concern" for bystanders exposed to e-cigarette vapor, even under "worst case" assumptions about exposure.

Lawmakers must beware of unintended consequences from well-intentioned laws. There is clear evidence of a phenomenon called "accidental quitting," wherein many of the smokers who initially choose e-cigarettes to use just where smoking is prohibited go on to quit smoking conventional cigarettes completely. Prohibiting the use of e-cigarettes in public spaces completely eliminates that incentive to even try e-cigarettes. Unfortunately, the health risks of every one smoker who doesn't quit because e-cigarette use is prohibited (and the risks to the children and others who live with them) cumulatively outweigh any good done by eliminating the miniscule exposures to even hundreds of bystanders in public spaces.

Clearly, the benefits of allowing smokers to use e-cigarettes in public--and thereby increasing the likelihood of "accidental quitting" and reducing the known, extremely high health risks of smoking--outweigh the very low risks of insignificant exposures to bystanders. So, not only is there no genuine public health reason to prohibit e-cigarette use in public spaces, but, in fact, allowing e-cigarettes to be used in public spaces will actually improve public health by inspiring other smokers to switch and reduce their health risks by an estimated 99%. Moreover, private businesses in Alaska are already setting their own policies, and they should retain the right to allow or disallow usage since there is no proven health threat to bystanders.

While I understand some have expressed a fear about these products acting as a "gateway" to traditional cigarettes for youth, there is no evidence to suggest this is really happening, and research actually shows it is unlikely to happen to any substantial extent. Teen smoking rates are at their lowest point since smoking became popular and continue to drop, but there are adults who will continue to smoke until they die unless we provide attractive alternatives.

I urge you to oppose these bills and any legislation that would limit where smoke-free products like e-cigarettes can be used. It is imperative that existing adult smokers become aware of all the alternatives currently available and that access to these products remains unimpeded.

I look forward to your response on this issue. I, along with my fellow members of CASAA (Consumer Advocates for Smoke-free Alternatives Association), thank you for considering my comments and hope you will oppose misguided attempts to limit adult use of smoke-free e-cigarettes.

Sincerely,
Aronca Robinson

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME: BRENDA CAVANAUGH
REPRESENTING: SELF
BILL#/ SUBJECT: BILL#1 / PUBLIC SMOKING PROHIBITION
COMMITTEE &
HEARING DATE: SHSS 2-11-15 1:30pm

I WISH TO EXPRESS MY SUPPORT OF
SENATE BILL #1. I HAVE MEMBERS OF MY FAMILY
WHO HAVE DIED DUE TO SMOKING AND OTHERS
WHO HAVE CONTRACTED EMPHYSEMA DUE TO 2ND HAND
SMOKE. I FEEL THAT THOSE OF US WHO DO NOT
SMOKE SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO BREATHE SMOKE FREE
AIR WHERE EVER WE GO. I AM A RETIRED
TEACHER.

Thank You,
Brenda Cavanaugh
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Delta Junction, ALASKA 99131
(907) 895-4296

Feb. 11. 2015 2:19PM

No. 3641 P. 2/2

Comments from Doug Osborne - Sitka.

Received PED
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I support this policy and this bill

Protection people's right to breath clean air is the right thing to do and its time that Alaska finally has a comprehensive clean air policy that will protect everyone in our state.

This bill does not prohibit smoking it just requires that people can work and get in and out of buildings without breathing fumes that kill people. Second hand smoke kills and there are no safe levels of exposure.

This bill has widespread support because it makes sense and will ultimately be beneficial to non-smokers and smokers a like.

If this bill passes the total number of cigarette ~~smokers~~ smokers will fall. This will help some special people who are struggling with a tough addiction. ~~smokers will fall. This will help some special people who are struggling with a tough addiction.~~

Comprehensive Clean air policies are an important part of reasonable approach to addressing a public health issue that hurts our economy and our quality of life.

Please support this bill and please make sure that entry ways are protected for breathers. Thank you.

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME: CHRISTIE MASON
REPRESENTING: SELF
BILL#/ SUBJECT: #1 PUBLIC SMOKING PROHIBITION
COMMITTEE &
HEARING DATE: SHSS 2-11-15 1:30 PM

I wish to convey my strong
and profound support of Senate
Bill No. 1.

The issue of contaminating the free
air we all must breathe to live,
is a severe disregard for the health
and welfare of all of us who
must coexist with those offenders
of our right to breathe healthy ~~air~~ air in
the public areas mentioned in this
Bill.

With all certainty this Bill is a
paramount one and emphatically
support the passing of it as
soon as possible

Thank you

your constituent

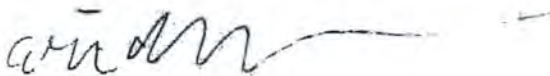
Christie Mason of Delta Junction, AK

Thank you for taking time to hear my concerns with Senate bill 1 (SB1).

My name is Eric Vargason from North Pole, AK. I am no longer a smoker. I have tried numerous attempts to quit tobacco including gum, patches, therapy, counseling, thumb stones, assorted medication, including Chantix; many were recommended by the Alaska Quitline, none have worked for me and not for lack of trying. If you are questioning my motivation to quit, I was told if I didn't quit smoking I would die, that is plenty of motivation. Some of the recommendations even made my health conditions worse. After many failed attempts of using more mainstream ways of quitting tobacco, I found vaping. I haven't smoked since, and that was seven months ago. The last two years of using tobacco were my worst. I had diminished quality of life, loss of hope, and I would hang my head in shame while buying a pack of cigarettes. The past seven months I've noticed positive changes in my health and life. Now my breathing isn't labored, I feel energized, and I'm losing weight because I'm more active. I also have a great support network in the Alaskan vaping community. They help me stay tobacco free, for the first time in 23 years. That is over two decades that I have been dependent on tobacco products.

I have been six months without a lung infection, which were normal occurrences. I was often sick at work, due to my tobacco use. Since I have quite tobacco, I have been in good health and my productivity has gone up dramatically.

My family's health has improved as well, even though I never smoked inside, or around my daughter, this is the first winter that she has not required her inhaler. We had thought that it might be allergies, pollen, or other factors, but after a week of quitting tobacco she has been fine. My kids are proud to see that I have quit using tobacco products, my health has improved, as have theirs. I don't have any more regular check ups scheduled, and I will be around to enjoy more of their lives. Restricting alternatives to tobacco diminishes people's chances of quitting tobacco through alternative means. A medical research team from the University of London published in the British Journal of General Practice states "Given that smokers smoke for the nicotine but die primarily from the tar, one might imagine that e-cigarettes would be welcomed as a means to prevent much death and suffering caused by cigarettes." in conclusion I am proof that this works.



In regards to Senate Bill 1: I am Danny Ruerup and I am opposed to SB 1. This Bill is phrased as a direct attack to local small business. There needs to be some rewording to this bill to stand up for community members that run small business that this will in effect shutdown their livelihood. There is no one that will argue that smoking and tobacco products are not healthy and kill millions a year. There is no proof the e-juice and vaping products do any such thing. There is a great deal of research that needs to be done yet that will provide any type of conclusion to this question. Please do not include e cigarettes in this bill. The state obviously does not have the funding to police this situation anyways. I appreciate your time to allow me to voice my opinion.

Danny Ruerup

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Ruerup', written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned below the typed name 'Danny Ruerup'.

I would like to thank you for allowing me to share my concerns with Senate Bill 1 (SB1).

My name is Jennifer Vargason of North Pole, Alaska.

Vaping has saved my family from the ball and chain of tobacco use And I am thankful for that! I am healthier, my husband is healthier, and my family is healthier. Why this bill would consider vaping the same thing as smoking or a tobacco product is beyond me. Vapor products do not contain tobacco and there is no combustion! Current research has shown that vaping does not have the harmful effect of smoking and there are no concerns for bystanders. The ingredients in the liquid are in every day foods that we consume. Yes, there can be nicotine in the liquid but there have been studies that show that nicotine is not harmful. The article "Is everything we know about nicotine wrong?" Dr. Neff even states instances where nicotine has been know to help certain conditions such as Alzheimer's disease, depression, Parkinsons disease, and more. It has been found that in those demographics tobacco use is higher. Alternatives to tobacco could help these demographics.

I have been a tobacco user since I was 9 years old. Since then I have gone from lqmik (natural tobacco mixed with punk ash), Copenhagen, to cigarettes and have never been able to quit. I will be honest and tell you that when I first came upon vaping, I rolled my eyes and thought that it was just another fad that does not work. I was disgusted that my husband would vape, I was hesitant to even try it until I had witnessed my husband go without a cigarette for over a month. I was amazed, as I had seen him try several different methods of quitting, none of which were successful. I did a little research, after seeing the results in person, and I decided to give it a try. When I started vaping, I vaped while I was off work, but I still used lqmik during normal work hours. Since December of 2014, I have been without

tobacco completely. Nearly 28 years of tobacco use and I haven't yet picked up a cigarette or any form other of tobacco since!
Please reconsider Senate Bill 1. Thank you again for taking your time to read my testimony.

Jim Davidson

Christie Jamieson

From: Will Manuel <wmmanuel@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 8:12 PM
To: Sen. Bert Stedman
Subject: SB 1

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Senator Stedman,

I hope this day finds you and your family well.

I am writing you this evening in regards to SB 1. My words will be few, and not as refined as I usually try to be.

Although I prefer to walk into a business that has chosen to be smoke free, and I think even many smokers enjoy to spend time in smoke free environments, I am against a State Law dictating that a private business not allow smoking. Most business are already smoke free, especially the ones that children are brought into. Yes, I do believe people have the right to breathe clean air, but they also have the right to make a choice and they have to accept the personal responsibility to not subject themselves or possibly their children to an environment that caters to smokers. This is true just as the owners of private businesses have the right to decide whether or not they allow smoking within their facilities.

I also understand that current and prospective employees have the right to breathe clean air, but they also have the choice and personal responsibility to not work in an establishment that allows smoking. What's more, in today's society most business owners have come to realize that they are severely limiting themselves of potential employees and patrons if they allow smoking within the confines of their establishment, this without written law.

I applaud and commend businesses who go smoke free on their own accord, but I can never support any Governmental Entity who uses force via legislation and consequence.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

God bless,

William M. Manuel, MICP, NR-P
1513 Pine Ave
Kenai, AK 99611

Christie Jamieson

From: David Paulsen <dpaulsen@gci.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2015 12:48 AM
To: Sen. Bert Stedman
Subject: Please Oppose SB 1 and HB 40 and any other effort to treat e-cigarettes like smoking.

David Paulsen
4501 Reka #1
Anchorage, AK 99508

February 12, 2015

Dear Bert Stedman,

I am writing to express my deep concern and opposition regarding HB 40 and SB 1 which would include the use of smoke-free vapor products (e-cigarettes) in Alaska's smoking law.

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Sincerely,
David Paulsen

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME: Pamela Howard
REPRESENTING: Self
BILL # or SUBJECT: SB1
COMMITTEE: SH&SS DATE: 2-11-15

My name is Pamela Howard and I live in Soldotna, AK. I have been a school nurse for 28 years and would like to thank you for considering SB1 as I have concerns for my student's health who are exposed to second hand smoke when they begin working on jobs, whether from tobacco, marijuana, or aerosol in "vaping". Student attendance is impacted by upper respiratory conditions from exposure to smoke. I remember my first job and I didn't feel like I could say anything about how the smoke bothered me because I didn't want to lose my job. I have never smoked but now have asthma due to exposure. Yesterday I taught a class at the alternative high school and I asked them if they agreed or disagreed with SB1. They all agreed, even the smokers! They know their choice impacted them, but didn't want to be responsible for impacting the health of others. I am glad we have the ability to protect our future generations through this law. Thank you!

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME:

Jenny Okendroff, Soldotna

REPRESENTING:

self

BILL # or SUBJECT:

SSSB 1

COMMITTEE:

SHSS DATE: 2/11/15

For five years, I worked in a building that shared walls and a ventilation system with a pull tab parlor. Every day by 1:30pm, and often even earlier, the second hand smoke became so thick in our offices that we had to leave early for the day.

We begged the landlord to require that the business next door take their smoking outside, but he refused. Finally, after five years of burning lungs and stinging eyes, and in order to preserve our health we were forced to break our lease and move to a smokefree building across town.

No worker should EVER have to choose between their job and their health. SBI will protect all Alaskan workers from being exposed to secondhand smoke and secondhand aerosol from e-cigarettes at their job. It's time to make this happen!

Thank you.

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME: Susan Smalley
REPRESENTING: Cancer survivors
BILL # or SUBJECT: SB# 1
COMMITTEE: SH#55 DATE: 2-11-15

The Kenai Peninsula Borough cannot pass Comprehensive Smokefree Workplaces because of the lack of Health powers. SB# 1 is a chance for us to protect the health of us all.

As a cancer survivor I am especially sensitive to this issue. I also work as a volunteer at the hospital and sadly see those who are suffering from those effects - which often included special smoking areas in their workplaces.

This is about the rights of employees. Just as asbestos cannot be tolerated, because tobacco smoke is unhealthy, often deadly, it cannot be tolerated.

Ultimately we all pay the price for health costs in that ERs must treat everyone & those of us w/ insurance and government entities take up the slack.

I was in Ottawa ^{CANADA} when they went smokefree and the bars (which seem to draw the most attention) were packed and it was freezing outside where they went to smoke.



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate Health & Social Services
Committee name

Committee on SBI, dated 2/11/15
Bill/Subject

My husband has severe asthma today from working for the past 25 years in smoke filled work places. He has beginning COPD. And frequent lung illnesses which require medical attention. He is a non-smoker & has always been. He is an artist and talented & skilled musician. He only works now in "voluntary" non smoking businesses. He might not have chosen his love of music if he had known the consequences. Please consider moving this ^{Bill} forward for a hearing. Thank you for your efforts in this area.

Signed: _____

Joanne Pross
Testifier

Representing (Optional)

PO Box 876093

Address

Wasilla AK

907-745-2938

Phone number



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate Health & Social Services
Committee name

Committee on SBI, dated 2/11/15

Bill/Subject

I came today to support Senate Bill 1. This is not a smoker versus non-smoker debate. It is a movement to protect the rights of all Alaskans to Breathe Smoke Free Air. We know tobacco products are known carcinogens and can cause adverse health effects. Therefore we ask smokers to reduce risks to others and smoke outdoors, away from people. When we knew that was bad in point we removed it, when we knew asbestos was in our insulation in our homes we removed it for the health of all people. We know tobacco products are dangerous to our health and need to protect the health of those who do not want to be exposed to known carcinogens. How many people have to die before we stop this practice. We have the science and knowledge to support the change of smoking and second and third hand smoke. We need to protect all Alaskans. If people choose to smoke that is their right but it is not their right to compromise my right to breathe smoke free air. You are all our elected officers who could help protect the health of all Alaskans and financially reduce health care costs to this state across the board. Thank You for your consideration in support of Senate Bill 1.

Signed:

Faith Mangum 45 years Alaska Resident
Testifier

Myself
Representing (Optional)

PO Box 771241 Eagle River
Address

907-854-8920
Phone number

TESTIMONY

Gerald Timmons, Fairbanks, Alaska
Representing myself, business owner in Fai and Anc
I am a Lifelong Non Smoker. Never ever smoked.

I came to Alaska in the early 1960's and after graduating in Forestry became a career employee of the Bureau of Land Management in 1966.

My first professional meeting for BLM was in a smoke filled room with me being the only "non-smoker". That continued until 1983 when I left BLM. Smoke filled rooms that would choke you, but I had to adapt. No choice.

About 3 months ago an unrelated heart scan found two very small 1 cm nodules on my left lung and two enlarged Lymph Nodes. A follow up CT Scan confirmed those findings and although my local doctor thought they did not look cancerous, I flew to Mayo Clinic in Minnesota for a second opinion. A PET scan confirmed cancer of the lymph nodes and a Surgical Team met with me that day reviewing options.

The next morning, November 13, 2014, minor surgery to remove those expanded to a Lobectomy removing my entire upper lobe of my left lung and the cancerous sections of the Lower Lobe with a diagnosis of Stage III b T4 non-small cell Lung Cancer.

Survival odds and longevity tables for this stage lung cancer are dismal. However, I remain optimistic as my surgeon believes he removed all cancer and got it in time. My commitment to the horrible chemo will hopefully kill remaining cancer cells in the body and I shall remain vigilant. Radiation is a further option and my Oncology team has found a genetic mutation with my cancer that may provide further ability to slow future cell growth.

My surgical team of lung doctors believe I was no more than two months away from the cancer metastasizing. I have been leaving Fairbanks every three weeks since surgery and flying to MSP for massive doses of chemo at Mayo.

My life has been filled with Second Hand Smoke from others. I did not have a choice in the 1970's if I wanted to keep my job. I had to attend meetings and I was the only non-smoker. Incidentally, I am the only remaining person from that group that remains alive.

My doctors and I blame my Lung Cancer on "Second Hand Smoke" in the work place.

November's surgical costs and hospital time was about \$55,000. My chemo treatments are in excess of \$6,000 every three weeks. I am a candidate for a Clinical Trial thru Mayo, however its a Blind Trial and I could be on the end of a Placebo and not know.

I am normally a conservative business owner, not believing in government regulations and directions. However, when employees are subject to life changing issues beyond their control if they want a job, its a no brainer. We must pass this legislation to protect our Alaska work force.

We have a responsibility to those in our work place that can't control the air they breathe. Thank you Senator Minnichie for sponsoring this long over due legislation.

Gerald D. Timmons
02/11/15

From: Chip & Amy Blair <cblair@gci.net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 7:27 AM
To: LIO Sitka
Subject: Re: SB 1 Regulation of Smoking 1:30 PM Public Testimony

Please add the following to the public comments for the Health and Social Services Committee on SB1, Regulation of Smoking, which is meeting today, Feb. 11, at 1:30 PM:

I have been a resident of Sitka, Alaska since 1984. I am employed at Alaska Marine Safety Education Association here. I strongly believe in and promote healthy and safe choices for individuals and community. I would like to urge you to support Senate Bill 1, the Take it Outside Act, because it has been shown that secondhand smoke contributes to preventable illness and death. Employees in workplaces allowing smoking are putting their health and lives at risk and they sometimes don't have a choice. Local communities throughout the state are electing to eliminate secondhand smoke from inside public buildings and workplaces but not all businesses do it. A statewide law would create a standard that would put all businesses and workplaces on a level playing field. No one should have to choose between their health and a good job.

Please support Senate Bill 1 for a statewide smoke-free workplace law.

Thank you,
Amy Blair
Sitka, Alaska

From: Jennifer McNichol <mcnocco@gci.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 8:57 PM
To: LJO Sitka
Subject: Senate Bill 1 - Take it Outside Act

Dear Elected Representative,

I am writing as both an Alaskan mother and as a physician to urge you to show your support for Senate Bill 1, the Take it Outside Act.

I feel very fortunate to live in a community that has a local smoke-free ordinance, and I feel strongly that all Alaskans should have the same benefit.

It is irrefutable that second-hand smoke causes health problems including heart disease and cancer. Those who have not chosen to smoke, but have chosen to make a living as they are able, should not be forced to bear the health risks that exposure to smoker's exhaust entails. In addition, customers of these same businesses are also subject to these risks, sometimes without even realizing it. We are well aware of the personal and family heartache, as well as the huge financial toll, that smoking-related diseases can create.

Some of our communities are in boroughs that don't even have the power to pass a local ordinance to address this issue. It's time for all of us to pitch in and help the people who live in these communities. I want you, as my elected representative, to support the bill for a statewide smoke-free workplace law.

Thank you for your time in serving our state.

Sincerely,
Jennifer McNichol, M.D.
Sitka, AK

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME: Kenneth E. Farrow 907-895-4104
REPRESENTING: Self
BILL#/ SUBJECT: SB 1
COMMITTEE &
HEARING DATE: SHSS Wednesday Feb. 11th 2015

I fully support SB1. Businesses,
fraternities, bars, and social clubs lose
membership and attendance when
smoking is allowed. The young and old
alike are affected by second hand smoke.
The health of our communities should
be our number 1 concern.

Thank you,

Ken Farrow

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907-895-4104

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME: Terri Crowson
REPRESENTING: Myself - Citizen
BILL#/ SUBJECT: Senate Bill 1
COMMITTEE &
HEARING DATE: 11 Feb 2015 SHSS

I live in Delta, Jet. My community is not smoke free. It would take a huge effort in our ~~community~~ community to pass any laws locally. I imagine most communities are similar. I regret that the large effort must be made on the part of the non-smokers who have been imposed on all our lives by those who smoke. You, as our representatives, ~~can~~ defend and provide for a deep breath of clean air for me and people across the state, in one fell swoop, as opposed to efforts that may or may not be successful by small groups across the state. I have been physically abused by 2nd hand smoke all my life. It is long overdue that this type of abuse should stop. Please pass SB1

P.S. I, Audrey A. Brown, of Delta, concur 100% with the above statement. Please pass SB1, Audrey A. Brown

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WRITTEN TESTIMONYNAME: Wayne CrowsonREPRESENTING: my selfBILL#/ SUBJECT: SB #1COMMITTEE &
HEARING DATE: Health and Social Services 2-11-15 1:30pm

I Support SB1 because this is a public health issue.

I support the U of A in stopping smoking on all state campuses and will/would support page 2 lines 4-7 and page 4 lines 1 and 2 because private clubs are becoming bars for smokers - and the non smokers are dropping out of the clubs because of their own personal health reasons. The club I'm involved in has lost 60% of its membership do to smoking in the club house.

Please Support Senate Bill #1

testimony by Andrea Thomas to
Senate Health & Social Services Committee on
February 11, 2015

I am in support of SBI. To me one side is influenced by tobacco companies, who are focused on their bottom line & getting & keeping people addicted to their products, including our children. There are also unfounded fears by businesses and a minority of smokers who feel they have the right to hurt others with secondhand smoke. On the other hand the majority of Alaskans support smoke free workplaces from Nome to Klawock. Many boroughs don't have the powers to pass smoke free ordinances. Hundreds of letters have been sent in support of smoke free workplaces. There is also the indisputable proof that secondhand smoke is toxic. Also the majority of states have smoke free laws, also whole countries, are smoke free & have proven that business impacts show a status quo or positive effect. Everyone deserves to breathe smoke free air in workplaces.

I hope that when you put your hands in front of you to weigh the issue that tobacco companies & unfounded fears hand falls to the table & public health & protecting people is raised high.
Please support SBI

From: Mary Barrett <mbarrett@searhc.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 1:19 PM
To: LIO Sitka
Subject: Senate Bill 1

I am currently a family nurse practitioner at SEARHC and have been a nurse practitioner for over 20 years. I have frequently seen the effects of second hand smoke on children with asthma or who have respiratory infections. They wheeze more and have more trouble breathing requiring more medications. There is no amount of second hand smoke that is safe.

When there are smokers clustered right outside the entrances to offices, stores, bars, the patrons can be exposed to second hand smoke intensely even if it is a brief period of time. The public should not have to endure that and run the gauntlet of smokers to enter an establishment.

I personally have had to hold my breath while entering a building if there are smokers right at the door. My clothes will still catch the odor and stay with me as third hand smoke.

I care about my health and the health of my patients. Please support SB1.

Thank you,

Mary Barrett, FNP-BC

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Comments from Doug Osborne - Sitka.

I support this policy and this bill

Protecting people's right to breath clean air is the right thing to do and it's time that Alaska finally has a comprehensive clean air policy that will protect everyone in our state.

This bill does not prohibit smoking it just requires that people can work and get in and out of buildings without breathing fumes that kill people. Secondhand smoke kills and there are no safe levels of exposure.

This bill has widespread support because it makes sense and will ultimately be beneficial to non-smokers and smokers alike.

If this bill passes the total number of cigarette ~~smokers~~ smokers will fall. This will

help some good people who are struggling with a tough addiction. ~~It will also help the economy and protect our quality of life.~~

Comprehensive Clean air policies are an important part of reasonable approach to addressing a public health issue that hurts our economy and our quality of life.

Please support this bill and please make sure that entryways are protected for brothers. Thank you.

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME: Judith Farrow

REPRESENTING: Self

BILL#/ SUBJECT: SB 1 - Support

COMMITTEE &
HEARING DATE: SHSS 2-11-2015 1:30pm

I support SB 1. I agree that
Smoking should not be allowed in
public places. I feel that children
should be protected from second hand
Smoke.

Blank lined area for additional testimony.

Christie Jamieson

From: Mrp26 <mrp26@caa.columbia.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 6:06 AM
To: Sen. Bert Stedman
Subject: Please Support SB 1

Dear Senator, by now you have heard the clear message regarding what Alaskans have to gain from SB 1 and a smoke free Alaska. Community members all around Alaska have made their voices heard by electing to protect all people from the negative effects of secondhand smoke in public places. This policy is good for individuals, good for businesses, good for communities, and very good for Alaska. I ask for your support on this bill as proposed and endorsed by the Alaska tobacco Control Alliance. This bill will bring the benefits that most of us enjoy to many disparate groups that are not given a choice to have this basic right. This bill is simple, practical, and essential and Alaska is ready. Thank you.

- Smoking rooms and ventilation systems do not address the health hazards of secondhand smoke.
- Bar staff have to breathe at work just like everyone else.
- It's time for the Alaska legislature to protect all workers from secondhand smoke.

From: Michael Powell
3208 Woodland Park
Anchorage, AK
99517
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From: Michael Powell

Christie Jamieson

From: David Hale <David@hale-ins.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 8:27 AM
To: Sen. Bert Stedman
Subject: SB 1 to Prohibit smoking in Public Places

Senator Stedman,

Thank you for consideration on this bill. I am totally in favor of prohibiting smoking in public places. When I went non-smoking at Los Amigos my business increased and made it a safer and cleaner environment for my employees. It is just a matter of time before we start seeing workers compensation claims from bar and restaurant employees because of the smoke. Fairbanks is one of the few places left that allow smoking and it needs to change.

Best Regards

David R. Hale

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100 Cushman Street #200

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Christie Jamieson

From: Cameron Washburn <Cwakm8@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 1:05 PM
To: Sen. Bert Stedman
Subject: Please Oppose SB 1 and HB 40 and any other effort to treat e-cigarettes like smoking.

Cameron Washburn
118 Glacier Ave
Fairbanks, AK 99701

February 10, 2015

Dear Bert Stedman,

I am writing to express my deep concern and opposition regarding HB 40 and SB 1 which would include the use of smoke-free vapor products (e-cigarettes) in Alaska's smoking law.

Smoking laws are ostensibly enacted to protect the public from the harm of secondhand smoke, but smoke-free e-cigarettes have not been shown to cause harm to bystanders. In fact, all evidence to date shows that the low health risks associated with e-cigarettes are comparable to other smokeless nicotine products. A comprehensive review conducted by Dr. Igor Burstyn of Drexel University School of Public Health (and published in a peer-reviewed journal earlier this year - <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/14/18/abstract>) examined over 9,000 observations of e-cigarette use in public spaces and found "no apparent concern" for bystanders exposed to e-cigarette vapor, even under "worst case" assumptions about exposure.

Lawmakers must beware of unintended consequences from well-intentioned laws. There is clear evidence of a phenomenon called "accidental quitting," wherein many of the smokers who initially choose e-cigarettes to use just where smoking is prohibited go on to quit smoking conventional cigarettes completely. Prohibiting the use of e-cigarettes in public spaces completely eliminates that incentive to even try e-cigarettes. Unfortunately, the health risks of every one smoker who doesn't quit because e-cigarette use is prohibited (and the risks to the children and others who live with them) cumulatively outweigh any good done by eliminating the miniscule exposures to even hundreds of bystanders in public spaces.

Clearly, the benefits of allowing smokers to use e-cigarettes in public--and thereby increasing the likelihood of "accidental quitting" and reducing the known, extremely high health risks of smoking--outweigh the very low risks of insignificant exposures to bystanders. So, not only is there no genuine public health reason to prohibit e-cigarette use in public spaces, but, in fact, allowing e-cigarettes to be used in public spaces will actually improve public health by inspiring other smokers to switch and reduce their health risks by an estimated 99%. Moreover, private businesses in Alaska are already setting their own policies, and they should retain the right to allow or disallow usage since there is no proven health threat to bystanders.

While I understand some have expressed a fear about these products acting as a "gateway" to traditional cigarettes for youth, there is no evidence to suggest this is really happening, and research actually shows it is unlikely to happen to any substantial extent. Teen smoking rates are at their lowest point since smoking became popular and continue to drop, but there are adults who will continue to smoke until they die unless we provide attractive alternatives.

I urge you to oppose these bills and any legislation that would limit where smoke-free products like e-cigarettes can be used. It is imperative that existing adult smokers become aware of all the alternatives currently available and that access to these products remains unimpeded.

I look forward to your response on this issue. I, along with my fellow members of CASAA (Consumer Advocates for Smoke-free Alternatives Association), thank you for considering my comments and hope you will oppose misguided attempts to limit adult use of smoke-free e-cigarettes.

Sincerely,
Cameron Washburn

Christie Jamieson

From: Joan Cahill <joanmcahill@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 12:24 PM
To: Sen. Johnny Ellis; Sen. Bert Stedman; Sen. Bill Stoltze; Sen. Peter Micciche
Subject: In Support of SB1

Dear Members of the Senate Health & Social Services Committee:

In past positions, when I was young and poor, I was subject to smoke in my workplace. I knowingly compromised my health out of immediate short term economic necessity. I regret having done that and wish that no one would ever have to face that daunting choice.

To ensure that no Alaskan ever does have to make that decision, I appeal to you to pass SB1. This will be one of the most significant acts of your Legislative service. It will produce immediate results statewide, as it already has in Juneau, Anchorage and many places around the US and the World.

Thank you for your service!

Joan Cahill
Juneau
(907) 723-3949

Christie Jamieson

From: Cameron Washburn <cwakm8@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 12:50 PM
To: Sen. Bert Stedman
Subject: E-cigarette Meeting

Dear Senator,

I am on vacation and just received an email from casaa regarding an upcoming meeting on Feb 11 regarding e-cigs/vaporizers. I will be unable to attend the meeting as I'm not due back until the 17th. I am writing you to ask that you promote the use of electronic cigarettes, and keeping them at a reasonable price.

I was a smoker for 10+ years, starting around 16. I had to try to quit a handful of times over the years. Chantix, cold turkey, reducing the strength of the cigarettes, and the original e-cigs. Over the years the technology and quality of the vaporizers has improved drastically. So I gave it another try and was able to succeed in finally kicking the habit. I appreciate it, my kids appreciate it, my girlfriend appreciates it. I do not believe that I could have done it otherwise. As much as I hate to admit that kind of weakness. But I am 100% cigarette free now.

It is my hope that others will be able to achieve the goal of not smoking. And anything that we can do to make that easier for them I believe we need to do. Imposing higher costs on the products trying to discourage their use only discourages smokers from trying a potential product that could help them quit. Outlawing their use completely eliminates the option for smokers. We should be promoting these products. Not making it the black sheep.

I have researched the use of e-cigs and formed what is obviously my own personal opinion but I wanted to share. They are made of compounds that have been used for a long time, and are FDA approved. What is not FDA approved is what happens when you combine the ingredients. Not because it shouldn't be, because it hasn't been done yet. Whether or not the big tobacco companies have a hand in the delay of this approval I don't know. But it is my belief that for every smoker they lose, their profit margins go down. \$2,400 a year in my case.

It may be safer to breathe air, but from someone who wants to quit smoking cigarettes, I would far prefer using something made with 4 FDA approved ingredients than something with 4,000 to 7,000 ingredients proven to cause cancer, illness and death. It is the obvious safer alternative.

Thank you very much for your time. I look forward to hearing the outcome of the meeting tomorrow.

Cameron Washburn

Christie Jamieson

From: scott logan <sslogan@aptalaska.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 6:11 AM
To: Sen. Bert Stedman
Subject: SB1

Please pass SB 1 out of committee. It is 2015.

Sent from my iPad
Scott Logan
Box 686
Skagway AK

Christie Jamieson

From: Alaska Tom <alaskatom66@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 09, 2015 8:38 PM
Subject: Pass Senate Bill 1 Out of Committee

Dear Senator:

I am a 45 year resident of Anchorage and the surviving partner of a man who died from lung cancer in 2002. Therefore, I know the heart ache of losing a loved one because of tobacco smoke.

Research has shown secondhand smoke is just as deadly as the original smoke, so why are we allowing it to continue to cause unnecessary illness and death to our fellow Alaskans? All it takes to change that is for elected officials, such as you, to stand up and say "enough is enough."

By passing SB1 out of Committee, you will be taking the first step to assure all Alaskan workers are free from secondhand smoke.

Most sincerely,

Thomas U. Rachal, Jr.

Christie Jamieson

From: Alex McDonald <alex@icefogvapor.com>
Sent: Monday, February 09, 2015 9:37 PM
To: Sen. Bert Stedman
Subject: SB1
Attachments: CSA_ItaEng.pdf; ATT00001.htm

Senator Stedman,

My name is Alex McDonald, owner of Ice Fog Vapor, Inc. Fairbanks, AK. I wanted to contact you regarding my concerns with proposed Senate Bill 1 (SB1).

First, I am concerned that SB1 would take away local option for communities throughout the state to deal with issues that may or may not affect their individual community. Many other substances such as alcohol and marijuana are or will be local option for places to set up their own regulations regarding their use. This is currently the case with tobacco and several cities have already chosen to set their own rules regarding tobacco use. Juneau is smoke free, it is also not -30 in Juneau today either making it easier to step out side to an area designated for tobacco use. In Fairbanks it is currently up to local businesses to set their own policies if they would like to be smoke free. This gives both consumers and employees the choice to work at or patronize places of their choosing. I know several places that have gone smoke free, yet built heated smoking rooms for people that wish to use tobacco. Many of these smoking rooms are closer to the entrance of the establishment than is required by SB1, and there is not a grandfather clause that would leave smoking rooms as a viable solution. This would punish places that have spent money trying to be proactive in implementing policies regarding tobacco use.

Another concern I have with SB1 is enforcement. I know the budget is tight and I have been reading about cuts across the board. It does not appear feasible to create more laws that would require enforcement and more people working for the state when the state is trying to save money. The bill states an employee designated by the commissioner may enforce the provisions; and also states that the citation may be issued regardless of whether the violation was committed in the designated employees presence. This sounds like it would open the door for people being issued citations for non compliance without anyone actually seeing any violation.

My final and major concern with SB1 is that it is detrimental in helping people get off tobacco products. I am all for getting people off of tobacco products. I used a variety of tobacco products for 19 years and tried everything from traditional nicotine replacement therapies to prescription pharmaceuticals to quit using tobacco, none worked. I found an alternative to tobacco that has worked for me to quit all tobacco products; and if vapor products are included in this bill it would greatly inhibit that option for people trying to quite tobacco products. I have switched to using a vaporizer and have been tobacco free for well over a year now. Vaporizers do not contain any tobacco, or combustion by products. In the study "Characterization of chemicals released by electronic cigarette use: Is passive vaping a reality?", attached, it was concluded "by saying that could be more unhealthy to breath air in big cities compared to staying in a room with someone who is vaping." The Drexel University study, link attached, found "no apparent concern" for bystanders of people using electronic cigarettes even under "worse case" assumptions about exposure. A study of tobacco use among adults in Minnesota found a 10% decrease in use among adults from 2010-2014. Of those that attempted to quit in the last 12 months over 40% tried vaporizers in their attempt to quit tobacco use. This is double the rates for traditional Nicotine Replacement Therapies, such as the patch or gum, and quadruple the rates of use of pharmaceutical products, such as Chantix. Vaporizers were the number one choice people in Minnesota turned to in their attempt to quit tobacco use, which is now at an all-time low among adults. SB1 would unfairly treat this

tobacco alternative as tobacco, while not including less popular choices like the patch or gum. If this is a bill against tobacco use and discouraging people from using tobacco, leave it at tobacco. If this bill is to help improve public health, vaporizers should not be included in a smoking ban, especially when there are numerous studies stating there is no concern of harm from second hand vapor exposure. If you would like further studies and research articles, please feel free to contact me either by email, or by phone, work (907) 328-1077, or cell (907) 978-8098. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Alex McDonald
Owner, Ice Fog Vapor, Inc
Fairbanks, AK

http://clearstream.flavourart.it/site/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/CSA_ItaEng.pdf

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/14/18>

Christie Jamieson

From: Sandra Cornelius <oscfbks@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 09, 2015 2:29 PM
To: Sen. Bert Stedman
Subject: Please Oppose SB 1 and HB 40 and any other effort to treat e-cigarettes like smoking.

Sandra Cornelius
1347 Spring Glade Rd
Fairbanks, AK 99709

February 9, 2015

Dear Bert Stedman,

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Christie Jamieson

From: Ryan McKeown <irreverend23@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 09, 2015 2:54 PM
To: Sen. Bert Stedman
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Ryan McKeown
240 E Susitna Ave
Wasilla, AK 99654

February 9, 2015

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Christie Jamieson

From: steve mapes <akgofast@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 08, 2015 6:44 PM
To: Sen. Bert Stedman; Sen. Cathy Giessel; Sen. Pete Kelly; Sen. Bill Stoltze; Sen. Johnny Ellis
Subject: SB1

Hello ,

I am sending you this email to express my concerns about this senate bill, SB1..

I was able to get off tobacco after 40 years of being a daily smoker using personal vaporizers and e-liquids that contained nicotine. I did a lot of research into the products being offered and I believe that I made the correct choices

If the option to vape an extremely less harmful product than tobacco is made more difficult than it already is people might not get the chance to get off tobacco.

This product has been studied quite a bit and very little harmful or dangerous traces have been found in it..

Certainly it is much much better then smoking..

My breathing and stamina has improved dramatically..

This nicotine delivery method saves me money..

Please give others the choice, and the chance to make their own decisions about their health..

The vape shops I buy from do not sell to youngsters and I see them carding young adults to make sure that they are of legal age to purchase nicotine products..

Please do the research yourself.. Do not listen to the propaganda that seems to be getting more newspaper headlines than the research by qualified, third party researchers and scientists.. Alaskans heath is nothing to make uninformed decisions about..

Thank you for taking the time to consider a voters opinion.

Steven Mapes

47870 Interlake drive

Kenai Alaska 99611

Christie Jamieson

From: Steven Mapes <akgofast@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 08, 2015 6:47 PM
To: Sen. Bert Stedman
Subject: Please Oppose SB 1 and HB 40 and any other effort to treat e-cigarettes like smoking.

Steven Mapes
47870 Interlake Drive
Kenai, AK 99611

February 8, 2015

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I am writing to express my deep concern and opposition regarding HB 40 and SB 1 which would include the use of smoke-free vapor products (e-cigarettes) in Alaska's smoking law.

Smoking laws are ostensibly enacted to protect the public from the harm of secondhand smoke, but smoke-free e-cigarettes have not been shown to cause harm to bystanders. In fact, all evidence to date shows that the low health risks associated with e-cigarettes are comparable to other smokeless nicotine products. A comprehensive review conducted by Dr. Igor Burstyn of Drexel University School of Public Health (and published in a peer-reviewed journal earlier this year - <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/14/18/abstract>) examined over 9,000 observations of e-cigarette use in public spaces and found "no apparent concern" for bystanders exposed to e-cigarette vapor, even under "worst case" assumptions about exposure.

Lawmakers must beware of unintended consequences from well-intentioned laws. There is clear evidence of a phenomenon called "accidental quitting," wherein many of the smokers who initially choose e-cigarettes to use just where smoking is prohibited go on to quit smoking conventional cigarettes completely. Prohibiting the use of e-cigarettes in public spaces completely eliminates that incentive to even try e-cigarettes. Unfortunately, the health risks of every one smoker who doesn't quit because e-cigarette use is prohibited (and the risks to the children and others who live with them) cumulatively outweigh any good done by eliminating the miniscule exposures to even hundreds of bystanders in public spaces.

Clearly, the benefits of allowing smokers to use e-cigarettes in public--and thereby increasing the likelihood of "accidental quitting" and reducing the known, extremely high health risks of smoking--outweigh the very low risks of insignificant exposures to bystanders. So, not only is there no genuine public health reason to prohibit e-cigarette use in public spaces, but, in fact, allowing e-cigarettes to be used in public spaces will actually improve public health by inspiring other smokers to switch and reduce their health risks by an estimated 99%. Moreover, private businesses in Alaska are already setting their own policies, and they should retain the right to allow or disallow usage since there is no proven health threat to bystanders.

While I understand some have expressed a fear about these products acting as a "gateway" to traditional cigarettes for youth, there is no evidence to suggest this is really happening, and research actually shows it is unlikely to happen to any substantial extent. Teen smoking rates are at their lowest point since smoking became popular and continue to drop, but there are adults who will continue to smoke until they die unless we provide attractive alternatives.

I urge you to oppose these bills and any legislation that would limit where smoke-free products like e-cigarettes can be used. It is imperative that existing adult smokers become aware of all the alternatives currently available and that access to these products remains unimpeded.

I look forward to your response on this issue. I, along with my fellow members of CASAA (Consumer Advocates for Smoke-free Alternatives Association), thank you for considering my comments and hope you will oppose misguided attempts to limit adult use of smoke-free e-cigarettes.

Sincerely,
Steven Mapes

Christie Jamieson

From: Guinness64 . <jmfinney64@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 06, 2015 12:20 PM
To: Sen. Bert Stedman
Subject: Regarding SB1

Senator Stedman,

I am writing you to voice my concerns with SB1, **REGULATION OF SMOKING**. **There are several items in this bill that I find concerning, and would like your thoughts regarding them. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.**

In Sec 18.35.301.f.1, smoking the bill states that nothing in the section would prohibit smoking in a private club, but then prohibits smoking in private clubs that serve alcohol or have employees. This section would in fact prohibit smoking in 99% of the private clubs that would have smokers in it. The big questions about this section, what does the consumption of alcohol make an establishment required being smoke-free, and what private club does not have a single employee?

Under Section 18.35.346.b, an employee of the department designated by the commissioner to enforce the provisions of AS 18.35.301, 18.35.306, 18.35.311, or 18.35.326 may issue a citation for a violation of AS 18.35.301, 18.35.306, 18.35.311, or 18.35.326 **regardless of whether the violation was committed in the employee's presence**. This section is one of the most concerning of the entire bill. This section alone gives an employee with no policing authority, more power than an actual law enforcement officer. In the section above, Section 18.35.346.a, a peace officer may only issue a citation if they **witness** the act. This opens the door to false claims, whereas I could call in an anonymous report of someone violating this bill, regardless of whether it was true or not. Not to mention, with the budgetary issues that are occurring in the state currently, with a large state employee layoff to occur, can we afford new employees for this monitoring?

Along with the "prohibition" of smoking, the author has placed electronic cigarettes in the same category as smoking. Electronic cigarette just by name alone have been treated improperly solely because they look like cigarettes. People whom actually use them refer to them as personal vaporizers, because the term ecigs assists in a bad reputation. Aside from containing nicotine, but not always, there is absolutely nothing similar between the two items. Vaporizers do not emit smoke, they emit a vapor for inhalation. The second hand vapor in these devices has been tested, and it has been found to be below toxic level for workplace safety. This study was done by Drexel University titled "Peering Through the Mist". Nearly every single study that has painted a negative picture on personal vaporizers has been deemed invalid because of improper testing. With the potential benefits personal vaporizers have on the American public, it would be negligent to w them to be included in this bill.

In closing, I would implore you to stop this bill from progressing through the committees, and not allow it to even be given a vote. The poorly written text along with the lack of evidence to include certain items makes this one of the largest violations of personal rights we will see this session.

Thank you,

Jason Finney

North Pole, AK

907-322-1301

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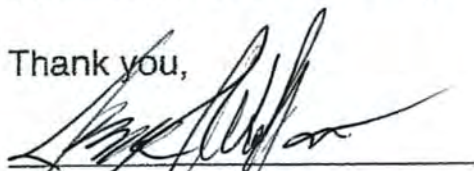
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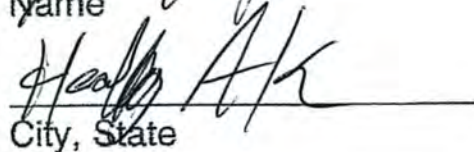
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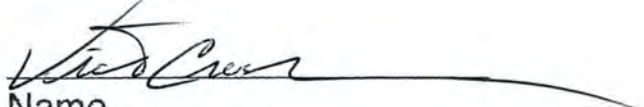
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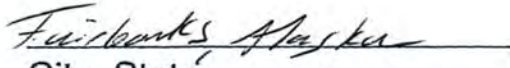
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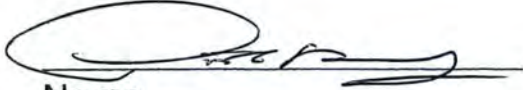
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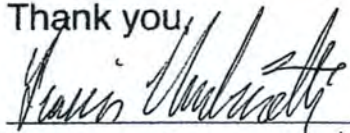
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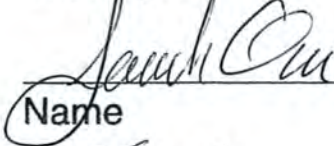
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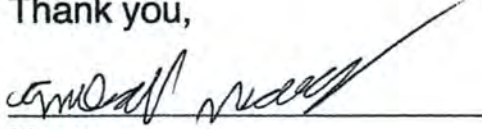
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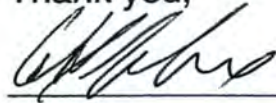
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NORTH POLE, AK

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ALEX McDonnell

Name

Scranton, AK

City, State

Christie Jamieson

From: Patrice Lee <patricelee3294@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 16, 2015 12:30 PM
To: Sen. Kevin Meyer; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Berta Gardner; Sen. Click Bishop; Sen. Mia Costello; Sen. Mike Dunleavy; Sen. Dennis Egan; Sen. Johnny Ellis; Sen. Cathy Giessel; Sen. Lyman Hoffman; Sen. Charlie Huggins; Sen. Pete Kelly; Sen. Anna MacKinnon; Sen. Lesil McGuire; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Donny Olson; Sen. Gary Stevens; Sen. Bert Stedman; Sen. Bill Stoltze; Sen. Bill Wielechowski
Cc: oharris; Governor@alaska.gov
Subject: Support SB 1- Realize Bad Interior Air Pollution is also as hazardous as 2nd hand cigarette smoke.
Attachments: Air Pollution Fairbanks 21515.jpg
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Senators,

I am in support of SB 1. I have a son who has congenital heart problems and even going in and out of airports for travel to health care is sometimes clouded with entryway smokers. Taking it outdoors is important, but I hope SB 1 will also include setbacks for public places like airports.

Please note that hundreds of current, reputable research articles clearly state that wood smoke is even more toxic than second hand smoke and should be considered every bit as dangerous. My son misses school on a regular basis because of the poor air quality in Fairbanks and the risk it poses to him. When he must stay home, I miss work.

I am concerned that even some members of our Interior Delegation are not taking this problem seriously enough. We need to clean up our air now. The way to reduce air pollution is to reduce burning.

The FNSB should alter its stove change out program to only include propane stoves from now on. More wood stoves can only mean more burning. What gain has been made in efficiencies has been lost mostly due to increased number of wood burners. Despite what you may hear, our air quality is worse everywhere in the borough, except the Down Town SLAMS monitor where regulations are in place by the city of Fairbanks to regulate burning. The rest of the borough has no regulation at this time. Propane stoves will be magnitudes cleaner and move us in the direction of natural gas and can be converted from propane to natural gas with an inexpensive (\$10.00-\$12.00) conversion plate. Please fund money to convert "Essential Burners" (those with only wood or coal to burn) and others qualified, to propane for the coming season.

Consider the following excerpt:

From the 2014 article-

<http://www.adn.com/article/20140912/protect-your-lungs-treat-wood-smoke-cigarette-smoke>

The Author, Dr. Brian Moench, is a respected, nationally recognized anesthesiologist in Utah and is a leader with the Utah Physicians for Social Responsibility. He has reported widely in most mainstream media.

'Wood smoke is uniquely toxic among all sources of urban air pollution. For example, the EPA estimates that the lifetime cancer risk from wood stove smoke is 12 times greater than that from an equal volume of secondhand tobacco smoke. Particles in wood smoke are extraordinarily small, behaving essentially like gases, making them easy to inhale but less likely to be exhaled. They are then distributed by the blood throughout the body, causing inflammation and biologic disruption wherever they go. Attached to these tiny particles are at least 200 of the most toxic compounds known -- dioxins, furans, formaldehyde, heavy metals and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons. One fireplace burning 10 pounds of wood in an hour will generate nearly as many polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons as 3,000 packs of cigarettes. No one in their right mind, even a smoker, would think lighting up 3,000 packs of cigarettes every hour during a cozy winter evening would be a good idea.

The free-radical chemicals in wood smoke are active 40 times as long as those from cigarette smoke, resulting in a greatly prolonged opportunity to seriously damage cells. Studies show that even the chromosomes in those cells can be impaired literally within minutes of exposure.'

A check of the obituaries in the Fairbanks Daily Newsminer in recent months should raise concerns as the number of people dying of cancer, unexplained cardiac events and those in the 49-62 year old range is alarming.

Two schools, Weller Elementary and Tanana Middle School were smoked out by residential wood smoke in Jan. 2015. The construction debris from the Klondike Hotel was burned during an air quality alert over several days, triggering community outrage and many complaints. The ADEC is presently dealing with this. The Weller incident was report by staff to the school district and the Tanana incident, which resulted in fire alarms going off and the complete evacuation of the school was well investigated by the fire department and reported to the ADEC. NO School children should be exposed in this manner.

The Fairbanks Memorial Hospital has started a new study to correlate ER/Admission visits with poor air quality. As stated at a recent Town Hall Meeting, hosted by the Borough Assembly, the correlation, even in its early stages is positive.

The Alaska State Constitution Article VII includes the important provision to "provide for the promotion and protection of public health" and "provide for public welfare". I urge you to keep that responsibility in mind as you move forward to pass SB 1 and take decisive, supportive measures to clean up the air in the Fairbanks North Star Borough. Please consider a resolution in support of a local solution to our problem, or a bill directing the state to promote/openly support an Air Quality State Implementation Program that is complete, adequate, and protective, or better yet, provide for the ADEC and Troopers with citation and enforcement authority for the laws that currently exist.

We are often in a sea of 2nd hand smoke, even when there is no inversion and the temperature is unseasonably warm. Please see attached photo. The power plant smoke stack showing its plume heading strait up indicates there is no inversion present. The temperature was 4 degrees F, warm for February.

This is a health and safety issue. Please set politics aside.

Very Sincerely,

Patrice Lee

Christie Jamieson

From: Damian Rolland <dwashere@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2015 6:55 PM
To: Sen. Bert Stedman
Subject: Please Oppose SB 1 and HB 40 and any other effort to treat e-cigarettes like smoking.

Damian Rolland
4100 N. Campbell Rd.
Palmer, AK 99645

January 28, 2015

Dear Bert Stedman,

I am writing to express my deep concern and opposition regarding HB 40 and SB 1 which would include the use of smoke-free vapor products (e-cigarettes) in Alaska's smoking law.

Smoking laws are ostensibly enacted to protect the public from the harm of secondhand smoke, but smoke-free e-cigarettes have not been shown to cause harm to bystanders. In fact, all evidence to date shows that the low health risks associated with e-cigarettes are comparable to other smokeless nicotine products. A comprehensive review conducted by Dr. Igor Burstyn of Drexel University School of Public Health (and published in a peer-reviewed journal earlier this year - <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/14/18/abstract>) examined over 9,000 observations of e-cigarette liquid and vapor and found "no apparent concern" for bystanders exposed to e-cigarette vapor, even under "worst case" assumptions about exposure.

Lawmakers must beware of unintended consequences from well-intentioned laws. There is clear evidence of a phenomenon called "accidental quitting," wherein many of the smokers who initially choose e-cigarettes to use just where smoking is prohibited go on to quit smoking conventional cigarettes completely. Prohibiting the use of e-cigarettes in public spaces completely eliminates that incentive to even try e-cigarettes. Unfortunately, the health risks of every one smoker who doesn't quit because e-cigarette use is prohibited (and the risks to the children and others who live with them) cumulatively outweigh any good done by eliminating the miniscule exposures to even hundreds of bystanders in public spaces.

Clearly, the benefits of allowing smokers to use e-cigarettes in public--and thereby increasing the likelihood of "accidental quitting" and reducing the known, extremely high health risks of smoking--outweigh the very low risks of insignificant exposures to bystanders. So, not only is there no genuine public health reason to prohibit e-cigarette use in public spaces, but, in fact, allowing e-cigarettes to be used in public spaces will actually improve public health by inspiring other smokers to switch and reduce their health risks by an estimated 99%. Moreover, private businesses in Alaska are already setting their own policies, and they should retain the right to allow or disallow usage since there is no proven health threat to bystanders.

While I understand some have expressed a fear about these products acting as a "gateway" to traditional cigarettes for youth, there is no evidence to suggest this is really happening, and research actually shows it is unlikely to happen to any substantial extent. Teen smoking rates are at their lowest point since smoking became popular and continue to drop, but there are adults who will continue to smoke until they die unless we provide attractive alternatives.

I urge you to oppose these bills and any legislation that would limit where smoke-free products like e-cigarettes can be used. It is imperative that existing adult smokers become aware of all the alternatives currently available and that access to these products remains unimpeded.

I look forward to your response on this issue. I, along with my fellow members of CASAA (Consumer Advocates for Smoke-free Alternatives Association), thank you for considering my comments and hope you will oppose misguided attempts to limit adult use of smoke-free e-cigarettes.

Sincerely,
Damian Rolland

Chuck Kopp

From: Robin Forsi
Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2015 8:06 AM
To: Chuck Kopp
Subject: FW: Fight Cancer: Support SB1

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

From: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network [mailto:ican@acscan.org]
Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2015 6:24 AM
To: Sen. Peter Micciche
Subject: Fight Cancer: Support SB1

Feb 17, 2015

Senator Peter Micciche
AK

Dear Senator Micciche,

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

While I can't be in Juneau with them, I want you to know I join them in support of Senate Bill 1. I am an Alaskan who believes everyone has the right to breathe smoke-free air.

Please vote in favor of SB 1.

Sincerely,

Ms. Renay Dworakowski
152 N Greenbush Rd
Troy, NY 12180-8331

AARP Real Possibilities In

Alaska

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February 9, 2015

Senator Peter Micciche
Alaska State Capitol, Room 514
Juneau, Alaska 99801

SB 1 – Support

Dear Sen. Micciche,

On behalf of AARP Alaska's 86,000 members, we are pleased to support passage and enactment of SB 1, which provides for smoke-free workplaces and public spaces statewide. Voluminous scientific evidence spanning many decades has demonstrated without doubt the serious risks to health caused by tobacco and second-hand smoke. Smoking represents one of the most preventable causes of lung and heart disease which cost lives and money.

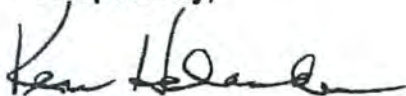
Living in Anchorage, where smoke-free workplaces has been the norm for many years, it is easy to see the benefits of such a law, as well as the positive results it has for businesses. Having a statewide statute answers the concerns of businesses that worry about a level playing field. All employees, and customers, deserve to breathe clean air. Far from taking away freedom, this law restores freedom from unwanted second-hand smoke.

Additionally, we support the provisions of SB 1 to prohibit the use of electronic cigarettes, or vaping, in the workplace. Evidence is mounting that the vapors contain toxins of their own which can present significant risk to health of others in proximity.

The bill in no way prohibits anyone from smoking or vaping. It merely prevents them from harming others.

We join with the thousands of individuals, the hundreds of businesses, and the vast majority of health care professionals who have indicated their support for smoke-free Alaskan workplaces. Thank you very much for sponsoring this bill.

Respectfully,



Ken Helander
Advocacy Director



Marie Darin
Coordinator, AARP Capitol City Task Force

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Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 2:44 PM
To: Chuck Kopp
Subject: FW: Support SB 1 Take It Outside!

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That's why I support Senate Bill 1 and want to get the smoke out of all Alaska workplaces, for the health of all Alaskans. I hope I can count on your support for SB 1 - because everyone has the right to breathe smoke-free air.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Billie Menefee
PO Box 163
Copper Center, AK 99573-0163
(907) 388-7700

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Mr. David Fox
13211 Venus Way
Anchorage, AK 99515-3967
(907) 868-6881

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Julie Farrell
PO Box 3261
Valdez, AK 99686

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Julie Farrell
PO Box 3261
1593 Dewey CT
Valdez, AK 99686-3261
(907) 255-9165

Chuck Kopp

From: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of Care Tuk <ican@acscan.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 3:35 PM
To: Sen. Peter Micciche
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Just as you represent Alaskans, so do I. I am the first National Hero of Hope (2012) for the American Cancer Society. This is a volunteer position I take very seriously. As I 13 time cancer survivor, and entering my 14th battle, I urge you to support SB 1. Several of my cancers are directly impacted due to second hand smoke for 20 years (both parents smoked) - at home and in business work places.

SB 1 would allow me to frequent many businesses I can't due to tobacco smoke or e-cigarette vapor. I makes sense and CENTS for the STATE to go smoke free. I'm sure by now you know that businesses in cities such as Palmer, report an actual INCREASE in business revenue, and repeat clientele plus a welcome addition of NEW clientele since going smoke-free.

I makes sense to support SB 1, especially since Alaska is the ONLY state where (lung) cancer is the #1 killer - all other states have heart disease as #1 killer, with obesity closing in fast. Think of the health care savings due to cancer that could be reduced if SB 1 were supported.

I want to celebrate many more birthdays as an Alaskan. Please help me, by voting in support of SB 1. Thanks!

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Care Tuk
PO Box 871632
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(907) 357-2108

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Smoke free will save lives!

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Sincerely,

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To: Chuck Kopp
Subject: FW: Support SB 1 Take It Outside!

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From: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network [mailto:ican@acscan.org]
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 12:31 PM
To: Sen. Peter Micciche
Subject: Support SB 1 Take It Outside!

Feb 11, 2015

Senator Peter Micciche
AK

Dear Senator Micciche,

Thank you for considering Senate Bill 1 in committee. I support the bill and smoke-free workplaces, and I would like to tell you why.

Everyone is free to make their own choices. But, when it comes to toxic secondhand smoke they are free to keep it to themselves and take it outside. Whether it's tobacco smoke or e-cigarette aerosol, taking it outside makes sense.

That's why I support Senate Bill 1 and want to get the smoke out of all Alaska workplaces, for the health of all Alaskans. I hope I can count on your support for SB 1 - because everyone has the right to breathe smoke-free air.

Sincerely,

Mr. Mike Gutierrez
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Anchorage, AK 99508-2532

Chuck Kopp

From: Robin Forsi
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 12:45 PM
To: Chuck Kopp
Subject: FW: Support SB 1 Take It Outside!

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From: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network [mailto:ican@acscan.org]
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 12:01 PM
To: Sen. Peter Micciche
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Feb 11, 2015

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PLEASE!!!!!!

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Sincerely,

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Chuck Kopp

From: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of Care Tuk <ican@acscan.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 3:35 PM
To: Sen. Peter Micciche
Subject: Support SB 1 Take It Outside!

Feb 11, 2015

Senator Peter Micciche
AK

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Just as you represent Alaskans, so do I. I am the first National Hero of Hope (2012) for the American Cancer Society. This is a volunteer position I take very seriously. As I 13 time cancer survivor, and entering my 14th battle, I urge you to support SB 1. Several of my cancers are directly impacted due to second hand smoke for 20 years (both parents smoked) - at home and in business work places.

SB 1 would allow me to frequent many businesses I can't due to tobacco smoke or e-cigarette vapor. I makes sense and CENTS for the STATE to go smoke free. I'm sure by now you know that businesses in cities such as Palmer, report an actual INCREASE in business revenue, and repeat clientele plus a welcome addition of NEW clientele since going smoke-free.

I makes sense to support SB 1, especially since Alaska is the ONLY state where (lung) cancer is the #1 killer - all other states have heart disease as #1 killer, with obesity closing in fast. Think of the health care savings due to cancer that could be reduced if SB 1 were supported.

I want to celebrate many more birthdays as an Alaskan. Please help me, by voting in support of SB 1. Thanks!

That's why I support Senate Bill 1 and want to get the smoke out of all Alaska workplaces, for the health of all Alaskans. I hope I can count on your support for SB 1 - because everyone has the right to breathe smoke-free air.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Care Tuk
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Wasilla, AK 99687-1632
(907) 357-2108

Chuck Kopp

From: Robin Forsi
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 12:54 PM
To: Chuck Kopp
Subject: FW: Support SB1 And Smoke-Free Workplaces

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

From: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network [mailto:ican@acscan.org]
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 10:00 AM
To: Sen. Peter Micciche
Subject: Support SB1 And Smoke-Free Workplaces

Feb 11, 2015

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

Dear Senator Micciche,

I'm writing to you today as your constituent to urge you to vote YES on Senate Bill 1, Smoke-Free Workplaces. Everyone has the right to breathe smoke-free air. In a day and age where common sense is anything but common, its one simple truth you can take to the bank.

As a single 30-something professional, I enjoy a healthy lifestyle and a lucrative career. I enjoy going out with my friends to restaurants and bars, and many times spending considerable money. What I don't enjoy, however, is smelling like an ashtray after a few minutes in an establishment that allows smoking. What's even worse is considering what effects the smoke is having when it enters unbidden into my lungs.

If this is argued as an economic hardship on establishments that would be forced to have clients smoke outside - I call BS. My friends and I are the most prime target demographic. We have the money to sustain businesses, we have the technological wherewithal to endorse the businesses we enjoy on social media, and we are not dying off or suffering from horrendous adverse health effects from smoking. Everyone is free to make their own choices. But, when it comes to secondhand smoke and e-cigarette aerosol they are free to keep it to themselves.

If they are willing to pay the consequences for their choices, so be it. But no one else should have to bear the consequences alongside them. Be smart, Alaska. Let's consider the 10 year plan the right way - by passing SB 1.

That's why I support SB 1 to get the smoke out of all Alaska workplaces. Thanks for your help in protecting everyone's right to breathe smoke-free air.

Sincerely,

Mr. Michael Crawford
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Chuck Kopp

From: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of Krista McNeil <ican@acscan.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 10:07 PM
To: Sen. Peter Micciche
Subject: Support SB 1 Take It Outside!

Feb 12, 2015

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

Dear Senator Micciche,

Thank you for considering Senate Bill 1 in committee. I support the bill and smoke-free workplaces, and I would like to tell you why.

Everyone is free to make their own choices. But, when it comes to toxic secondhand smoke they are free to keep it to themselves and take it outside. Whether it's tobacco smoke or e-cigarette aerosol, taking it outside makes sense. I work in the healthcare industry and have worked with folks that think it's ok to smoke the e-cigarettes in their offices or the workplace. E-cigarettes do give off an odor that is very offense to many people. Cigarette smokers are changing to the e-cigarettes because they think they can smoke them inside which is a plus for them in the winter months. Please make our work places free of ALL cigarettes and tobacco products.

That's why I support Senate Bill 1 and want to get the smoke out of all Alaska workplaces, for the health of all Alaskans. I hope I can count on your support for SB 1 - because everyone has the right to breathe smoke-free air.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Krista McNeil
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Soldotna, AK 99669-0204

Chuck Kopp

From: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of Kristen Hoffman-Chock <ican@acscan.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 8:37 PM
To: Sen. Peter Micciche
Subject: Support SB 1 Take It Outside!

Feb 11, 2015

Senator Peter Micciche
AK

Dear Senator Micciche,

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Kristen Hoffman-Chock
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Alexandria, MN 56308-8534

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Chuck Kopp

From: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of Bill Ross <ican@acscan.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 7:06 PM
To: Sen. Peter Micciche
Subject: Support SB 1 Take It Outside!

Feb 11, 2015

Senator Peter Micciche
AK

Dear Senator Micciche,

Thank you for considering Senate Bill 1 in committee. I support the bill and smoke-free workplaces, and I would like to tell you why.

I am a survivor and I lost my wife to Breast cancer 2 years ago, so I have personal experience and knowledge of the dangers of cancer. I am also a hospice volunteer and have seen what secondhand smoke can do to people who have never smoked. We need to realize that even though everyone is free to decide if we want to poison ourselves by smoking, we do not have the right to poison others with our secondhand smoke.

It's time to make a stand against toxic secondhand smoke in the work place, so if folks want to smoke they are free to keep it to themselves and take it outside. Whether it's tobacco smoke or e-cigarette aerosol, taking it outside makes sense.

That's why I support Senate Bill 1 and want to get the smoke out of all Alaska workplaces, for the health of all Alaskans. I hope I can count on your support for SB 1 - because everyone has the right to breathe smoke-free air.

Sincerely,

Mr. Bill Ross
PO Box 91666
Anchorage, AK 99509-1666

Chuck Kopp

From: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of Jack OBrien <ican@acscan.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 5:35 PM
To: Sen. Peter Micciche
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Feb 11, 2015

Senator Peter Micciche
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Sincerely,

Mr. Jack OBrien
2713 Chief Alexander Dr
Fairbanks, AK 99709-4864
(907) 378-5459

Chuck Kopp

From: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of Tanya OBrien <ican@acscan.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 5:35 PM
To: Sen. Peter Micciche
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Feb 11, 2015

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Tanya OBrien
2713 Chief Alexander Dr
Fairbanks, AK 99709-4864
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Chuck Kopp

From: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of Carol Powell <ican@acscan.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 6:37 PM
To: Sen. Peter Micciche
Subject: Support SB 1 Take It Outside!

Feb 11, 2015

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Everyone is free to make their own choices. But, when it comes to toxic secondhand smoke they are free to keep it to themselves and take it outside. Whether it's tobacco smoke or e-cigarette aerosol, taking it outside makes sense.

Not everyone feels free to ask to have a smoke-free workplace because they are afraid they might lose their job. It needs to be done by the government so that everyone can breathe smoke-free air.

That's why I support Senate Bill 1 and want to get the smoke out of all Alaska workplaces, for the health of all Alaskans. I hope I can count on your support for SB 1 - because everyone has the right to breathe smoke-free air.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Carol Powell
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(907) 479-4719

Chuck Kopp

From: Robin Forsi
Sent: Monday, February 16, 2015 2:00 PM
To: Chuck Kopp
Subject: FW: Support SB 1 Take It Outside!

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

From: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network [mailto:ican@acscan.org]
Sent: Monday, February 16, 2015 10:21 AM
To: Sen. Peter Micciche
Subject: Support SB 1 Take It Outside!

Feb 16, 2015

Senator Peter Micciche
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Sincerely,

Ms. Finley Baird
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Bowling Green, KY 42104-4783
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