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Workers' Compensation Board

Submission to Public Hearing

Proposed Regulation Pertaining to Environmental Tobacco Smoke

Submitted by Southwind Inn, Oliver, BC

**This submission is in favour of the proposed amendment to Part 4
Section 4.82(3) of the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation**

Reasons:

We support this amendment because it will allow smokers to enjoy smoking while enjoying the consumption of alcoholic beverages. For WCB to have previously legislated against this concurrent enjoyment in the name of worker safety, exhibited in our view, a cavalier disregard of alternate solutions.

We support this amendment because non-smokers will be protected from the effects of second hand smoke and also be free to enjoy the ambience of truly smoke-free sections of pubs and restaurants.

Our support of this amendment gives voice to a view very different from those recently expressed by spokesmen for the "Hospitality Industry". We believe that smokers can be educated to be considerate of the rights of non-smokers. At the same time, we regard smokers with respect and compassion.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Sarell, General Manager