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Dear Mr. Alb,

I was born sixty eight years ago in a free country. I never dreamt that almost daily it would get closer to a dictatorship due to special interest groups such as yours. Establishments should be allowed to choose rather they are smoke free or not. By advertising smoking or smoke free, give everyone a choice of where they want to go. That keeps everyone happy. It also gives workers a choice of where to work. Most owners would be happy to supply proper ventilation even in the smoking areas.

Smoking definitely should not be removed from long term residential facilities or hospitals for that matter. In many cases that is our final home to be wheeled outside in pouring rain often, like a very naughty child, is indeed a disgrace.

You were not elected. In fact the DC government told you to drop it. In plain words, get the hell off our backs. We deserve freedom too!

Go after something worth while like wood burning stoves, all back yard burning, diesel trucks and equipment. You have many choices, but leave smokers alone.

away, you seem to forget out the enormous  
taxes on tobacco products are helping  
to pay your salaries. Amarten up!

Sincerely,  
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