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Subject: in favor of proposed standard for smoke-free workplaces

In view of the proposed WCB regulation pertaining to environmental tobacco smoke, mainly sections 225 and 226 of the WCB Act of BC; I wish to express my total support.

My work in this field concurs with the following: (excerpt from National Clearing House on Tobacco and Health):

" In 1992 the US Environmental Protection Agency(EPA) officially labelled ETS a "class A." or "known human carcinogen" (A CARCINOGEN IS A CANCER-CAUSING AGENT. CLASS 'A' CARCINOGENS, TO WHICH THERE IS NO KNOWN SAFE LEVEL OF SAFE EXPOSURE, ARE CONSIDERED THE MOST DANGEROUS CARCINOGENS). THIS CONCLUSION HAS PROMPTED RESEARCHERS TO STUDY THE HEALTH EFFECTS OF ETS IN EVER GREATER DETAIL.

Smoker's immediate surroundings are often shared by non-smokers, who are then obliged, often unwillingly, to suffer the effects of the smoker's addiction. Breathing in other people's smoke, exposes non smokers to the myriad carcinogens and toxins found in tobacco smoke.

I commend WCB for such an endeavor and am proud to be part of this initiative in BC.

As a tobacco reduction coordinator in the Simon Fraser Health region, I will continue to support, promote and educate the public of Tobacco Reduction Initiatives,

Yours in Health & Support

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