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Sent: Monday, June 12, 2000 9:10 AM
To: OHSR_Reg@wcb.bc.ca
Subject: Please ban smoking!

The period from January to March of 2000 was literally a breath of fresh air. I had not gone to bars or pubs with any regularity prior to that time due to my sensitivity to cigarette smoke. Likewise, there were some restaurants which I would not patronize due to the smoky environment. That all changed for the months that the smoking ban was in effect.

It seems blatantly obvious to me that smoking indoors is an unhealthy habit which negatively impacts not only the smoker, but all those around them. The E.P.A. just released its list of known carcinogens. For the first time, secondhand cigarette smoke is on that list. This is not conjecture or fantasy; this is hard scientific proof.

Please do not force me or the workers of British Columbia to endure a working environment which contains known carcinogens when there is a solution at hand.

The government of British Columbia is engaged in a class action lawsuit against the tobacco manufacturers for causing serious health consequences to its citizens. It is hypocritical to pursue such legal action while consumption of the cancer causing tobacco is still permitted in public places.

I implore you to take a stand. Re-institute the smoking ban and lead the way to a safer and healthier society.

Yours Very Truly,

Paul R. Blessin

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