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Policy and Regulation Development Bureau.
Workers Compensation Board of British Columbia
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Vancouver, B.C. V6B 5L5.

Dear Sirs,

I am writing in support of the reinstating of the WCB smoke free standard for workers in the hospitality industry. My request is based upon the following well known facts as well as many others:-

(1) Health of hospitality workers is jeopardised by exposure to E.T.S even for those who are cigarette smokers. For example a recent Health Canada study found that women who don't smoke but have exposure to second smoke are just as likely as women smokers to develop breast cancer. For both groups the risk of developing the disease is double that of non-smoking women with no second hand smoke exposure.

(2) The notion of widespread hospitality industry job losses caused by the provincial smoke free standard is refuted by a review of the Employment Insurance statistics. Since 1993 there has been each year a small increase in the number of benefits paid during the first three months of the year. These increases were no greater in 2000 than in any of the previous six years.

(3) Ventilation is not an acceptable alternative since there are no standards by which it can be judged.

I am very pleased that some of the pubs that I frequent in Campbell River are still tobacco smoke free.

Thank you for your attention to my thoughts,
Yours sincerely,

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