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**Subject:** Smoking in the workplace

Dear WCB,

I support any initiative to decrease smoking. It is unfortunately that the voices of those people dying from lung cancer, cardiovascular diseases and other smoking related illnesses aren't as loud as the business world.

I was very disappointed that there was a reversal in the previous decision. The argument of people being laid off and businesses closing is a "smoke" screen. If everyone offered no smoking...then those people who smoke would have to wait until they are finished in a restaurant/bar. I highly doubt that people who smoke will stop going out...give me a break.

What about all of the healthcare costs associated with smoking...Maybe the employers who have a smoking environment should have to pay higher premiums for their staff for medical coverage and those that don't offer any should be required to.

I have been a pharmacist for about 10 years and have seen many people suffer from smoke related illnesses. Don't give up the fight!

Sincerely,

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