

Dear Mr. Brunk,

I want to go on record as strongly opposed to any initiative to again allow smoking in any public venue, and specifically in the current debate re allowing smoking in establishment which primarily seek an adult clientele. Please recognize that in many of our state's smaller communities, the local pub or bar and grill is a family-oriented establishment during a significant portion of its business day. These businesses are often the only (or one of the few) options for people to dine away from home, and their patrons include children and adolescents as well as adults. I can say unequivocally that my family has increased the frequency of our business involvement with our local pub since the institution of the current laws prohibiting smoking inside the premise. If smoking is again permitted, the majority of our business will be lost. I suspect this is a largely overlooked impact of the legislation currently being considered.

I urge you and your colleagues in the strongest terms, to vote against proposed changes to allow smoking in any public business establishment. The hazards to health can never outweigh the possible, small difference in business volume. Thank you for your attention in hearing my concern.

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