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Urgent Alert!

Is it really necessary to pass a federal law severely restricting smoking in more than 436,500 U.S. government-owned and leased buildings?

Is it really necessary for the U. S. government to spend millions of dollars for "no-smoking" signs in these buildings, plus signs for every federal courthouse, the Congress, all our overseas embassies, even military bases?

Is it really necessary to sanction additional discrimination against the 50 million-plus Americans who choose to smoke?

We think not. As concerned citizens and members of the Tobacco Action Network (TAN), we believe you feel the same way.

Yet legislation currently before the U.S. Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs would do just that--the legislation in question is S.1440. Your U.S. Senator serves on that committee and is in a key position--RIGHT NOW--to pass or kill this legislation. The Committee will review the bill in the next week, so immediate action is needed!

If you agree that S.1440 is unnecessary, unfair and costly government intrusion into the personal customs of private citizens, then I urge you to--write and call--your Senator today! Your Senator's name, Washington address and phone number is listed below.

Here are some points you may wish to make in your letter to your Senator on S.1440:

1. S.1440--is unnecessary. Federal departments and agencies that wish to restrict smoking have done so without seeking specific legislative authority. Further, there is no great demand for S.1440 among federal workers.
2. S. 1440--is opposed by organized labor because "it [S. 1440] infringes on the collective bargaining process, imposing arbitrary work rules irrespective of individual workers and worksites."
3. S.1440--could be extremely expensive. Signs alone for hundreds of thousands of government buildings would cost millions of dollars. A respected economist at Virginia's George Mason University estimates S.1440 would cost more than \$500 million annually! Inter-office partitions, shuffling of personnel and other necessary office re-arrangements would cause an avalanche

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of expense right at a time when our federal lawmakers should be thinking of ways for the federal government to save money.

4. S.1440--would also cause severe morale and productivity problems. S.1440 would require separation of employees who work well together. Supervisors would become referees in squabbles previously settled person to person.

S.1440 is a bureaucrat's dream and a taxpayer's nightmare. Today, Americans want less, not more, government intrusion in their daily lives. S.1440 flies in the face of that reality.

Please write--and call--your Senator today. Urge him to reject this onerous measure when it comes before the Committee on Governmental Affairs. I would also appreciate it if you would send me a copy of your correspondence to your Senator. You may send a copy of your letter to me at the address at the top of this letter.

Thank you for your continued support and ready assistance.

Roger L. Mozingo
National TAN Director

Senators on the Committee on Governmental Affairs:

Alaska--Ted Stevens
Delaware--William Roth
Florida--Lawton Chiles
Maryland--Charles Mathias
Minnesota--Dave Durenberger
Mississippi--Thad Cochran
Missouri--Thomas Eagleton
New Hampshire--Warren Rudman
Tennessee--Albert Gore

On the envelope, list your Senator's name and the following address:

U. S. Senate
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To reach your Senator's office by phone, dial 202/224-3121.

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