

A. 2746-C: WHAT OTHER ORGANIZATIONS HAVE TO SAY ABOUT IT

"The New York AFL-CIO expresses its opposition to this bill. . . The bill is discriminatory. . . imposes restrictions on proprietors of public places that are unenforceable. . . There is no reliable evidence that would necessitate this kind of legislation."

NEW YORK STATE AFL-CIO

"AI's underlying complaint with the subject bill is that it contemplates legislating a practice which is better left to resolution on an individual basis. . . Associated Industries respectfully recommends defeat of this bill."

ASSOCIATED INDUSTRIES OF NEW YORK STATE

"We have taken the position that this bill is unfair to organized labor. . . This legislation is also restrictive to many small businesses which employs our members."

NEW YORK STATE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL

"This legislation is typical of a state mandate being imposed upon county governments with no financial assistance to carry out the terms of the mandate and enforce its provisions. . . This legislation goes too far. . . and places an unfair administrative burden and fiscal mandate upon the local governments of New York State."

NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

"This bill puts extreme economic pressures on many groups. . . and we all know that our economy is of great importance at these times. . . The New York State Association of Chiefs of Police does not feel that this bill can be properly enforced, nor the public will encourage the proper enforcement of this legislation."

NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE, INC.

"To restrict a restaurant patron's right to smoke at the conclusion of his meal reminds us of bringing back prohibition. The food service industry today is burdened with myraids of regulations. . . To add to this burden and particularly where we would have to confront our patrons in the role of a policeman, is to add to our predicament."

NEW YORK STATE RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION

"This bill can jeopardize customer relations and can add a substantial additional cost in reconstruction of established properties. Local managers of hospitality establishments should not lose the flexibility to establish procedures which they feel adapt to the preference to their customers."

NEW YORK STATE HOTEL AND MOTEL ASSOCIATION

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"Ours is an extremely competitive industry and this proposed legislation would handicap our sales efforts. . . In such a competitive atmosphere, (this) legislation. . . needlessly places New York at a disadvantage with our competitors. . . Such infringements within our state fly in the face of the very purpose of the tourism program which the New York State Legislature has funded to attract visitor business to our state."

NEW YORK CONVENTION AND VISITORS
BUREAU

"The proposal would be unenforceable in any bowling center and attempts. . . to force its regulations. . . would be resented. . . and bring about a loss to the bowling center's business."

NEW YORK STATE BOWLING PROPRIETORS
ASSOCIATION

"A requirement to designate smoking and non-smoking areas would be completely impractical given the complexities of our operations. . . We have developed a voluntary no-smoking program which has been successful."

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN CENTER

"Although factories are excluded, the proposed prohibitions would substantially interfere with operations of and impose costs upon businesses. . . Imagine the practical difficulties and operational inefficiencies that the bills would create for a company. . ."

EMPIRE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

"Suffice to say that to enact legislation of this type is not practical, feasible, nor enforceable, and we urge that such legislation be defeated."

HOTEL ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK CITY

"In a society in which are police are undermanned, our courts jammed, prosecutors overworked, calendars backlogged. . . we are hard pressed to visualize meaningful enforcement of this type of statute. . . Also, do we enhance respect for the legislative process and for the laws themselves by placing unenforceable laws on the books?"

NEW YORK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND
INDUSTRY

"Our patrons show absolutely no interest in No Smoking or Smoking designations and we feel that any attempt to enforce this law upon them would be very costly to our members."

NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION NO. 16
OF THE BARBERS, BEAUTICIANS AND
ALLIED INDUSTRIES

"The State's business and tourism image would be damaged by establishing yet another precedent offensive to those whose business we seek to retain or attract to our state."

JOHN S. DYSON, FORMER COMMISSIONER
STATE OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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