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In a democracy like ours, it is those people who speak out that get the attention of elected officials. Anti-smokers are very vocal, for example, and constantly pressure officials. That's one major reason why so many anti-smoking proposals become law. But it doesn't have to be that way.

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An Alert of Proposed Anti-Smoking Actions

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SPECIAL REPORT: STAY INFORMED!

The first step in defeating proposed no-smoking laws is to stay informed. Find out if public hearings will be held and when a proposal is scheduled for a vote.

Institute can help. Call them toll-free at 1-800-424-9876, and ask for Public Affairs.

Newspapers are a good source of information. So is this newsletter and our other publication, "CHOICE." Your town or city clerk can also tell you if an anti-smoking law has been proposed.

Don't be intimidated by organized anti-smoking groups. One of their tactics is to send pre-written no-smoking proposals to city councils, pressuring them to adopt smoking restrictions. These groups also try to convince lawmakers that they speak for everyone. Yet often, these groups do not represent the specific needs and desires of local citizens and businesses who would be affected by these laws.

The next step is to take action. Attend and speak out at public meetings. Write letters. Phone your elected officials. Too often, smokers stay silent so officials assume that there is no opposition.

So stay informed and take action whenever you feel your rights as a smoker are being violated. A letter or phone call expressing your opinion can go a long way.

If you want to join with other smokers to fight a proposed anti-smoking law, the Tobacco

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PENDING ISSUES IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

(In your letters, refer directly to the bills listed below so your Congressmen will know specifically what you want them to vote against.)

Nine Anti-Smoking Bills Still Pending In Congress

- Despite the passage of a two-year smoking ban on most flights, four more bills are still pending that would ban smoking permanently on all flights: House of Representatives Bill No. "H.R. 432" (all domestic and international flights); "H.R. 1078" (all domestic flights); "H.R. 2040" (all domestic and international flights); and "H.R. 3377" (all domestic and international flights).
- Also pending: Senate Bill No. "S. 51" would ban smoking on all forms of transportation, including boats, planes, trains and buses. It would also restrict smoking in all terminals servicing these carriers; "H.R. 3018" would permanently ban smoking on domestic flights of two hours or less and on all flights with unassigned seating.
- "H.R. 1272" and "H.R. 1532" would ban all cigarette advertising and promotion, including money-saving coupons and sponsorship of sporting and cultural events.
- If Congress passes "H.R. 1008," smoking will be restricted in post offices, courthouses and all other federal government buildings. These restrictions would apply to both visitors and employees.

To state your opposition to any or all of these proposals, write or phone your representatives in Washington, D.C. Consult your "Directory of Government Officials" for their names and addresses. If you already know who your representatives are, write them c/o U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510; and U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515.

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WHO IS SPONSORING ANTI-SMOKING LEGISLATION IN WASHINGTON, D.C.?

Here is a list of smoking restrictions pending in the U.S. Congress (see other side for details) and the representatives from California who are cosponsoring them:

Airline Restrictions Bans—"H.R. 432" (Reps. Boxer, Edwards, Bates, Dornan, Martinez, Packard); "H.R. 1078" (Reps. Boxer, Dornan, Edwards, Martinez, Dymally); "H.R. 2040" (Reps. Lehman, Dornan); "H.R. 3018" (Rep. Bates); "H.R. 3377" (Rep. Boxer).

Ad Promotion Ban—"H.R. 1272" (Reps. Bates, Boxer, Brown, Dellums, Hawkins, Shumway, Stark, Waxman).

Ban in Federal Buildings—"H.R. 1008" (Reps. Anderson, Boxer, Dellums, Edwards, Packard, Stark, Dornan, Waxman, Beilenson).

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PENDING ISSUES IN CALIFORNIA

SMOKING RESTRICTIONS

(Your opinion is important, even if you do not live in a town or county that proposes to restrict smoking. Remember, a restriction applies to both residents and visitors.)

• **PLACER COUNTY**—The County Supervisors may ban smoking totally in all government buildings. Workers and visitors would be prohibited from smoking in any area of county-owned or county-occupied buildings. In addition, the supervisors are also considering a law to ban, or severely limit, smoking in stores, restaurants and motels. As part of their evaluation of these no-smoking proposals, the supervisors are looking for feedback from county employees and citizens. It is important that smokers let the supervisors know that such strict regulations are unfair. Write to: County Supervisors, 175 Fulweller Avenue, Auburn, CA 95603. You can also voice your opinion through letters to the editor of your local newspaper.

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• **RED BLUFF & TEHAMA COUNTY**—Following passage of a new smoking ban for most Tehama County buildings, a county official wants individual cities to pass their own no-smoking laws. Red Bluff is the first city targeted for such an ordinance. If passed, smoking could be banned in public buildings, including banks, theaters, waiting rooms and hallways. Restaurants would also have to reserve a certain amount of seating for nonsmokers.

However, the City Council of Red Bluff has not acted on this proposal. Instead, it wants the Tehama County Board of Supervisors to adopt countywide smoking restrictions. Voice your opposition to both a citywide and countywide smoking ban by writing to: City Council, P.O. Box 400, Red Bluff, CA 96080; and County Board of Supervisors, P.O. Box 250, Red Bluff, CA 96080. Send copies of your letter to all Tehama County newspapers, including: Daily News, P.O. Box 220, Red Bluff, CA 96080.

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• **NEWS FROM THE STATE CAPITAL**—A bill to ban the distribution of free tobacco samples would also prohibit giving out money-saving coupons and rebate forms in public places. The bill, "S. 1960," is a stricter version of "A. 2408" which was withdrawn by its sponsor earlier this year. Write to your state representatives in Sacramento and urge them to vote against this unfair bill. Write them at California Assembly or California Senate, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814 (same address for both legislative bodies.) Send copies of your letters to your local newspaper.

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PENDING ISSUES IN CALIFORNIA, continued

SMOKING RESTRICTIONS

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• **MILLBRAE**—Smoking restrictions are being considered for most public areas here. The City Council could vote to restrict smoking in restaurants, stores and the workplace — unless smokers speak out and encourage the council to continue to let businesses set their own policies. To express your concern about extensive no-smoking laws, write: City Council, 621 Magnolia Avenue, Millbrae, CA 94030. Get extra mileage from your letters by sending copies to: Millbrae Sun & Leader, 205 Broadway, Millbrae, CA 94030.

• **SAN BERNARDINO**—The City Council is reviewing three proposals to restrict or totally ban smoking in most public places, including restaurants and workplaces. To discourage the council from passing any of these smoking restrictions, write: City Council, Council Office, 300 N. D Street, San Bernardino, CA 92401; and The Sun, 399 N. D Street, San Bernardino, CA 92401.

• **SANTA MONICA**—If the City Council votes to toughen its current no-smoking law, restaurant owners would have to restrict smoking in their establishments. To voice your support for letting restaurant owners establish their own smoking policies, write: City Council, City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401; and The Outlook, P.O. Box 590, Santa Monica, CA 90406.

• **SAN DIEGO COUNTY**—The Board of Supervisors may make the county's current no-smoking law even stricter. Smoking would be banned in more public areas, including workplaces, restaurants and outdoor public places. Because the board members plan to make their decision soon, it's important for you to voice your opposition promptly. Their phone number is (619) 531-5700. Or write: Board of Supervisors, Room 335, 1600 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101. You can also express your opinion by writing to: San Diego Daily Transcript, P.O. Box 85469, San Diego, CA 92138; and The San Diego Union and The Tribune, P.O. Box 191, San Diego, CA 92112 (same address for both newspapers).

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• **SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY**—City and county officials are drafting a no-smoking proposal. If passed, smoking could be banned totally in most public places throughout the county's six cities. You can express your opposition by writing to: Cities and County of San Joaquin Association, c/o Mayor Barbara Fass — Association Chairman, 425 N. El Dorado, Stockton, CA 95202. You can also oppose tougher smoking restrictions by writing to your local newspaper.

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• **LAKEWOOD**—The City Council is working on an ordinance that would regulate smoking in most public buildings. Council members are split as to whether they should dictate smoking restrictions to the building owners or simply require that they establish some kind of smoking policy. Encourage the council to let the owners set their own smoking policies. Write to: (council & newspaper addresses) → *to come*

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• **CERES**—Anti-smokers are pressuring the City Council to ban smoking in most public buildings here. Restaurants, stores, libraries and museums would all be off limits for smoking individuals. The proposal clearly discriminates against smokers. Letters to the council opposing a no-smoking law may help defeat it. You can voice your opposition by writing: (address). → *to come*

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WHO IS SPONSORING ANTI-SMOKING LEGISLATION IN WASHINGTON, D.C.?

Here is a list of smoking restrictions pending in the U.S. Congress (see other side for details) and the representatives from Colorado who are cosponsoring them:

Airline Restrictions/Bans—"H.R. 432" (Rep. Schaefer); "S. 51" (Sens. Armstrong, Wirth).

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PENDING ISSUES IN COLORADO

SMOKING RESTRICTIONS

• BOULDER—A two-year old no-smoking law is back on the City Council's agenda. The local chapter of GASP (Group to Alleviate Smoking Pollution) wants the council to impose stiffer penalties and toughen its enforcement of the law. Stricter penalties and enforcement measures would be extreme. Surely the council's time and energy could be better spent elsewhere. Encourage the council to defeat GASP's proposal by writing to: (address). You can also voice your opinion through letters to the editor at: (Newspaper & Address).

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• NEWS FROM THE STATE CAPITAL—Even though four statewide no-smoking laws have recently been defeated in the legislature, the issue is likely to come up again. *Smokers spoke out and played a major role in defeating the most recent proposal.* Keep the communication channels open between you and your elected officials in Denver. Stay informed and contact them whenever measures are introduced that would unfairly discriminate against smokers. To thank your representatives for refusing to pass recent anti-smoking legislation, and to encourage them to take similar action in the future, write them at: Colorado Senate, State Capitol Building, Denver, CO 80203; and Colorado House of Representatives, State Capitol Building, Denver, CO 80203; and Denver Post, 650 15th Street, Denver, CO 80202; and Rocky Mountain News, P.O. Box 719, Denver, CO 80204. For additional information, consult your "Directory of Government Officials," or call Government Information at (303) 866-5000. For extra mileage from your letters, send copies to your local newspaper.

• NEWS FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE—Governor Roy Romer is helping to launch "The Rocky Mountain Tobacco-Free Challenge" that would make it illegal to smoke on airplanes flying over Colorado, Arizona, Montana, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming and North and South Dakota. ~~A regional airline smoking ban is unnecessary and unfair.~~ Let Governor Romer know that Coloradans do not want to be a part of this anti-smoking coalition. Write to him at: (address). And alert other smoker's rights supporters through letters to the editors of your local newspapers.

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WHO IS SPONSORING ANTI-SMOKING LEGISLATION IN WASHINGTON, D.C.?

Here is a list of smoking restrictions pending in the U.S. Congress (see other side for details) and the representatives from Florida who are cosponsoring them:

Airline Restrictions/Bans—“H.R. 432” (Reps. Lehman, Gibbons); “H.R. 1078” (Rep. Gibbons);
“H.R. 3377” (Rep. Gibbons).
Ad. Promotion Ban—“H.R. 1272” (Reps. Lehman, Young).
Ban in Federal Buildings—“H.R. 1008” (Reps. Gibbons, Lehman, Young).

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PENDING ISSUES IN FLORIDA

SMOKING RESTRICTIONS

• **MORE NEWS FROM THE CAPITAL**—A pair of bills has been introduced that would ban the distribution of free samples of tobacco products. State Senator John Grant recently introduced “S. 142.” Its counterpart in the Florida House of Representatives is “H. 329.” It was introduced by Reps. Mike Abrams, Art Grindle and Irma Rochlin.

The regular session of the legislature officially opened in April, and a number of other anti-smoking measures are on the agenda. “S. 47” would give local governments the power to fine smokers up to \$500 if they smoke in a no-smoking area. “S. 46” would give the state Health Department power to collect these fines. Despite the current federal smoking ban on flights of two hours or less, “S. 28” has been introduced to ban smoking on all airline flights within the state.

Outside of the legislature, the anti-smoking group GASP (Group to Alleviate Smoking/Pollution) could well file another suit with the state in an effort to give local governments the authority to pass stricter no-smoking laws than the state's. Last year, the courts ruled against GASP and upheld the power of Florida's Clean Indoor Air Act over local smoking regulations.

The best way to fight back against the anti-smokers' actions is to keep informed of pending legislation and to write your local newspapers and elected officials. Letters to your state representatives should go to: Florida Senate, Senate Office Building, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100; and Florida House of Representatives, House Office Building, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300. Consult your “Directory of Government Officials” for additional information, or call Capitol Information at (904) 488-1234. Call your city hall or county offices for the names and addresses of your local officials. You can also voice your opinion by writing to your local newspaper.

WHO IS SPONSORING ANTI-SMOKING LEGISLATION IN WASHINGTON, D.C.?

(Sponsor Info - to be added)

PENDING ISSUES IN ILLINOIS

SMOKING RESTRICTIONS

(Your opinion is important, even if you do not live in a town or county that proposes to restrict smoking. Remember, a restriction applies to both residents and visitors.)

Revised — • **NEWS FROM THE STATE CAPITAL**—On the agenda for your officials in Springfield is a statewide no-smoking law. If passed, smoking could be restricted in most public areas, including restaurants, stores and workplaces — *throughout the entire state*. Instead of government restrictions, businesses should be able to set their own smoking policies. And smokers should not have to be subjected to no-smoking laws that severely limit their personal freedom.

Write to your state representatives and urge them to vote against smoking restrictions in Illinois. For the names and addresses of your elected officials in Springfield, call Capitol Information at (217) 782-2000, or consult your "Directory of Government Officials." If you already know their names and addresses, write them c/o House Clerk, Room 115, Illinois House of Representatives, State House, 401 South Second Avenue, Springfield, IL 62706; and c/o Senate Secretary, Room 407, State House, 401 South Second Avenue, Springfield, IL 62706. Get extra mileage from your letters by sending copies to your local newspaper.

• **ROCKFORD**—Smoking could be restricted or banned totally here. A proposal is being drawn up that would limit smoking in restaurants, workplaces and most other public places. To urge the council not to pass this or future no-smoking laws, write: City Council, 425 E. State Street, Rockford, IL 61104. You can also voice your opinion by writing to: Rockford Register Star, 99 E. State Street, Rockford, IL 61105.

• **CHICAGO**—The City Council is considering an ordinance that could limit smoking in restaurants, workplaces and other public places throughout the city. Voice your concern over strict and widespread smoking restrictions by writing to: City Council, 121 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL 60602; and Chicago Sun-Times, Room 356, 401 N. Wabash Street, Chicago, IL 60611; and Chicago Tribune, 435 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611.

NEW — • **DIXON & DES PLAINES**—The City Councils in these towns are considering no-smoking laws to limit smoking in public places. The Des Plaines Council has gone ahead and authorized the city attorney to draw up the proposed ordinance, which would affect restaurants, banks, theaters and stores. The Dixon Council is still discussing the issue. Let both councils know that current voluntary smoking policies are sufficient and respect the rights of *both* smokers and nonsmokers. Their addresses are: (addresses).

NEW — • **ELMHURST**—Proposed smoking restrictions for restaurants have been tabled. The City Council wants to first get public input as to whether a no-smoking law is necessary. Voice your opinion to the council and encourage them to maintain the freedoms of restaurant owners to establish their own smoking policies. Write them at: (address). You can also voice your opinion through letters to your local newspaper, including: (address).

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PENDING ISSUES IN MICHIGAN

SMOKING RESTRICTIONS

NEWS FROM THE STATE CAPITAL—A ban on giving out free tobacco samples has been proposed in the state senate. The bill, "S. 637," was introduced by State Senator Jack Faxon. [Another proposed bill, "S. 741," would add shopping malls to the long list of public places where smoking is already restricted. The sponsor of that bill is Senator William Sederburg.]

Statewide smoking restrictions are unnecessary and need not be passed if you urge your elected officials in Lansing to oppose such laws. You can write to your state representatives at: Michigan Senate, P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48909-7536; and Michigan House of Representatives, P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48909. For more information, call Capitol Information at (517) 373-1837, or consult your "Directory of Government Officials." To get extra mileage from your letters, send copies to your local newspaper.

KALAMAZOO COUNTY—Anti-smokers are pressuring the County Commission to pass a law to restrict smoking in restaurants. All counties in Michigan currently let restaurant owners set their own smoking policies. Contact the commissioners and urge them to maintain the rights of both smokers and restaurant owners. Their address is: (address). Spread the word — write to your local newspaper as well.

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PENDING ISSUES IN NEW JERSEY

SMOKING RESTRICTIONS

• **NEWS FROM THE STATE CAPITAL**—Anti-smokers are pushing for stricter statewide smoking restrictions. Smoking is already limited in government buildings and other public places throughout the state. Other no-smoking bills are expected to be introduced within the next couple of months. The best way to overcome the efforts of ardent anti-smokers is to keep informed of pending legislation — and then to voice opposition to your state legislators through letters and phone calls. Their general address is: New Jersey Assembly or New Jersey Senate, 2nd Floor, State House Annex, W. State Street, Trenton, NJ 08625 (same address for both legislative bodies). For more information, call Capitol Information at (609) 292-4840, or see your "Directory of Government Officials."

They have already introduced legislation to further restrict smoking in restaurants.
Assemblywoman Randall AB2590
would strengthen the laws against smokers.

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WHO IS SPONSORING ANTI-SMOKING LEGISLATION IN WASHINGTON, D.C.?

Here is a list of smoking restrictions pending in the U.S. Congress (see other side for details) and the representatives from New York who are cosponsoring them:

- Airline Restrictions/Bans - "H.R. 432" (Reps. Garcia, Mrazek, Scheuer, Solarz, Weiss); "H.R. 1078" (Reps. Garcia, Solarz, Weiss); "H.R. 3377" (Rep. LaFalce).
- Ad/Promotion Ban - "H.R. 1272" (Reps. Mrazek, Scheuer, Solarz, Stratton).
- Ban In Federal Buildings - "H.R. 1008" (Reps. Ackerman, Boehlert, Garcia, Mrazek, Owens, Scheuer, Weiss).

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PENDING ISSUES IN NEW YORK

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SMOKING RESTRICTIONS

• **NEWS FROM THE STATE CAPITAL**—A statewide no-smoking law is getting growing support from elected officials in Albany. Governor Mario Cuomo outlined his support in his State of the State report earlier this year. ~~More recently, Senate Majority Leader Warren Anderson publicly announced his support for a statewide no smoking law.~~

Assemblyman Pete Grannis has already introduced such a bill in the state legislature as "A. 8961." It would restrict smoking in some public places and ban it in others. Smokers need to speak out soon to let their representatives in Albany know that there is widespread opposition to a strict set of restrictions for the entire state of New York. Write them at: **New York Assembly, Legislative Office Building, Albany, NY 12248;** and **New York Senate, Legislative Office Building, Albany, NY 12247.** For additional information, consult your "Directory of Government Officials" or call **Assembly Information at (518) 455-4100** or **Senate Information at (518) 455-2800.**

Two other issues are pending in the state legislature. "A. 5135" and "S. 6045" would ban giving out free samples of tobacco products. "A. 262" would increase fines for smoking violations. All of these measures unfairly discriminate against smokers. Urge your state officials to oppose such widespread no-smoking laws by writing them at the addresses above. For extra mileage from your letters, send copies to your local newspaper.

• **CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY**—The County Legislature is planning to hold more hearings on a very strict, comprehensive public smoking restriction. If passed, the law would severely restrict smoking in county restaurants, businesses and stores. Business owners should be allowed to set their own smoking policies. Voice your opposition to a countywide smoking restriction by writing to: **County Legislature, Gerace Office, Mayville, NY 14757;** and **Evening Observer, 10 E. 2nd Street, Dunkirk, NY 14048.**

• **ONONDAGA COUNTY**—County officials are leaning away from a broad no-smoking law, but the issue is still pending. Still being considered are smoking restrictions in all county buildings, which would affect both visitors and county employees. A broader ban has been all but ruled out, ~~partly~~ because of vocal opposition by the CSEA (Civil Service Employees Association), Greater Syracuse Chamber of Commerce and the Onondaga Restaurant Association. A representative from the CSEA stated: "Not only do employees who don't smoke have rights, but employees who do smoke have rights." Urge the county council to defeat any countywide smoking restrictions by writing to them at: (address). Send copies of your letters to your local newspaper.

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WHO IS SPONSORING ANTI-SMOKING LEGISLATION IN WASHINGTON, D.C.?

Here is a list of smoking restrictions pending in the U.S. Congress (see other side for details) and the representatives from Ohio who are cosponsoring them:

Airline Restrictions/Bans—“H.R. 432” (Reps. Feighan, Lukens); “H.R. 1078” (Rep. Kaptur);
“S. 51” (Sen. Glenn).
Ban in Federal Buildings—“H.R. 1008” (Reps. Feighan, Kaptur).

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PENDING ISSUES IN OHIO

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SMOKING RESTRICTIONS

• **NEWS FROM THE STATE CAPITAL**—A bill has passed in the state Senate and is pending in the state House of Representatives that would allow local governments to adopt stricter smoking restrictions than the state's. “S. 51” was introduced by State Senator Charles Horn. The current law adequately protects the freedoms of both smokers and nonsmokers. Stricter laws would only tip the scales in favor of nonsmokers and further discriminate against smokers. Write to your state representatives in Columbus, and encourage them to defeat this measure. Consult your “Directory of Government Officials” for their names and addresses, or call Capitol Information at (614) 466-2000. If you already know who your state representatives are, write them at: Ohio House of Representatives, State Capitol, Columbus, OH 43266-0603; and Ohio Senate, State Capitol, Columbus, OH 43266-0604.

NEW — • **COLUMBUS**—City councilmen are debating the need for a citywide no-smoking law. Under such a law, smoking could be restricted or banned totally in most public places, including restaurants and workplaces. The council is also considering an alternative plan to simply encourage voluntary smoking policies. This would be a reasonable approach that respects the individual freedoms of both smokers and business owners. The council has specifically asked for public input on the subject. Contact them soon and let them know that you support a voluntary smoking law, not a mandatory one. You can call them at (phone number) or write: City Council, (address). Keep informed of upcoming public hearings and write letters to: (newspaper, address.)

NEW — • **ATHENS**—The City Council is considering a no-smoking law that would prohibit smoking in all indoor public areas of less than 1,000 square feet. Larger areas would also have smoking restricted. A general law based on the size of a public area does not take into account the specific needs and desires of the establishments' owners, workers and visitors. Encourage the City Council not to pass this law by writing to them at: (address).

• **SHAKER HEIGHTS**—A voluntary no-smoking law may be replaced by stricter smoking restrictions in public areas. An anti-smoking group has asked the City Council to pass such a law. Business owners and employers should be allowed to set their own smoking policies based on the needs and desires of their employees and customers. To express your opposition to changing the current law, write: City Council, c/o William Schuchart — Council Clerk, 3400 Lee Road, Shaker Heights, OH 44120; and The Plain Dealer, 1801 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44114.

WHO IS SPONSORING ANTI-SMOKING LEGISLATION IN WASHINGTON, D.C.?

Here is a list of smoking restrictions pending in the U.S. Congress (see other side for details) and the representatives from Oregon who are cosponsoring them:

Airline Restrictions/Bans—"H.R. 432" (Rep. DeFazio); "H.R. 1078" (Rep. DeFazio);
"H.R. 3377" (Reps. DeFazio, Wyden).
Ad/Promotion Ban—"H.R. 1272" (Rep. Wyden).
Ban in Federal Buildings—"H.R. 1008" (Rep. Wyden).

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PENDING ISSUES IN OREGON

SMOKING RESTRICTIONS

• **NEWS FROM THE STATE CAPITAL**—Anti-smokers are still gathering signatures to get a strict no-smoking law on the November 1988 ballot. If passed, smoking would be *banned* — not just restricted — in most public places throughout the state.

There is already a state law that requires no-smoking areas in restaurants, workplaces and other public areas throughout Oregon. A total ban, as proposed, would unfairly discriminate against smokers. The current law respects the freedoms of everyone, so spread the word — encourage people not to sign the anti-smokers' petition. Approach everyone, because many nonsmokers do support the principle of individual freedoms. You can voice your opinion verbally or through letters to your local newspapers.

Also be sure you are registered to vote so you can vote against the initiative if it's on the ballot. Do so early to avoid missing any registration deadlines. It's simple. You can register in your own home. All you have to do is contact the election division for your county, which is usually located at the county courthouse. Call them and request that a voter registration card be sent to you.

Also tell your friends and relatives how easy it is to register and vote.

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(from RWIA, taxation section)

WHO IS SPONSORING ANTI-SMOKING LEGISLATION IN WASHINGTON, D.C.?

Here is a list of smoking restrictions pending in the U.S. Congress (see other side for details) and the representatives from Pennsylvania who are cosponsoring them:

Airline Restrictions/Bans—"H.R. 432" (Rep. Clinger); "H.R. 1078" (Rep. Ritter).
Ban in Federal Buildings—"H.R. 1008" (Reps. Goodling, Murphy, Ritter, Walgren).

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PENDING ISSUES IN PENNSYLVANIA

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SMOKING RESTRICTIONS

• **NEWS FROM THE STATE CAPITAL**—Smoking could be restricted throughout the state if officials in Harrisburg pass "S. 26."

Statewide smoking restrictions are excessive and unnecessary. Business owners should be allowed to set up their own smoking policies. To voice your concern about widespread smoking restrictions, write to your representatives at: **Pennsylvania House of Representatives, House Post Office, Main Capitol Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120-0028; and Pennsylvania Senate, P.O. Box (senator's district #), Main Capitol Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120.** For the names of your elected officials and any other information, call **House of Representatives Information at (717) 787-2372; and Senate Information at (717) 787-7163.**

• **PHILADELPHIA**—City Council members ^{new} Lucien Blackwell and Joan Specter (wife of U.S. Senator Arlen Specter) have proposed a citywide no-smoking law. If passed, owners of restaurants with 50 or more seats would have to ban smokers from sitting in certain areas. It would also require employers to favor nonsmokers in disputes about smoking in the workplace. A strict no-smoking law would be unfair and could badly affect tourism and business. To urge the council not to pass this or future smoking restrictions, write: **City Council, Room 490, City Hall, Philadelphia, PA 19107; and The Philadelphia Inquirer and Philadelphia Daily News, 400 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19101 (same address for both newspapers).**

• **ERIE**—The City Council could decide soon on an ordinance to restrict smoking in public places here. Business owners have already approached the council in opposition to the proposed restrictions. Let the council know that smokers also oppose the ordinance. Write them at: **City Council, Room 104, 626 State Street, Erie, PA 16501.** You can also voice your opinion to: **Erie Times, 205 W. 12th Street, Erie, PA 16534.**

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WHO IS SPONSORING ANTI-SMOKING LEGISLATION IN WASHINGTON, D.C.?

Here is a list of smoking restrictions pending in the U.S. Congress (see other side for details) and the representatives from Texas who are cosponsoring them:

Airline Restrictions Bans—“H.R. 432” (Reps. Andrews, Frost, Leland, Wilson);
“H.R. 1078” (Reps. Frost, Leland, Wilson).

Ad Promotion Ban—“H.R. 1272” (Reps. Andrews, Wilson); “H.R. 1532” (Rep. Wilson).
Ban in Federal Buildings—“H.R. 1008” (Reps. Frost, Wilson).

Federal anti-smoking legislation is unnecessary and unfair. To voice your support for maintaining the freedoms of individuals, contact your elected officials in Washington, D.C. at the addresses shown on the other side of this newsletter.

PENDING ISSUES IN TEXAS

(Your opinion is important, even if you do not live in a town or county that proposes to restrict smoking. Remember, a restriction applies to both residents and visitors.)

SMOKING RESTRICTIONS

• **TOM GREEN COUNTY**—County officials want to toughen the current law that restricts smoking in county-owned and county-occupied buildings. The County Commission is looking for ways to enforce the law, including possible fines. Strict enforcement and fines are unnecessary and unfair. Write to the commissioners and urge them to vote against this and future no-smoking proposals. Their address is: **County Commission, 113 W. Beauregard, San Angelo, TX 76903**. You can also voice your opinion to your local newspaper.

NEW — • **SAN ANGELO**—A law to restrict smoking is pending in the City Council. If passed, smokers could only be allowed to smoke in designated sections of public areas. Public areas include restaurants, shops and workplaces. Contact the council and ask them to defeat this measure. Call them at (phone number) or write: **City Council, (address)**.

Checks — • **WACO**—The City Council is reviewing a proposal to restrict smoking in most public places and to fine smokers who violate the law. Restaurants and workplaces could be affected, along with stores and movie theaters. You can express your concerns about widespread no-smoking restrictions by writing to: **City Council, P.O. Box 2570, Waco, TX 76702-2570**; and **Waco Tribune-Herald, P.O. Box 2558, Waco TX 76702-2588**.

• **SAN MARCOS**—A proposal to restrict smoking in most public places here is before the City Council. The law would apply to restaurants, public buildings and private offices. To encourage the council to defeat this measure, write them at: **630 Hopkins Street, San Marcos, TX 78666**; and **San Marcos Daily Record, P.O. Box 1109, San Marcos, TX 78677**.

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