

Mayor Dave Cieslewicz
210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 403
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Mayor Cieslewicz:

I am unable to attend tonight's city council meeting due to a previous commitment, however I still want my voice to be heard regarding the City's Smoke-free Workplace ordinance. I ask that you share this with all City Council members.

First of all, I want to thank you for protecting the health of All workers in the city. Too often the only employees who are protected from the dangers of secondhand smoke are those that work in offices or in the healthcare field. By implementing a 100% smoke-free workplace ordinance the city has sent a message that all workers deserve equal protection.

In the two months since the ordinance went into effect, you have been hearing anecdotal stories about businesses losing money or having to lay-off employees as a result of the ordinance. Before you tonight, is a hardship exemption that would seek to rectify this situation. I ask that you vote against this amendment. We need to allow time to look at objective sales data from before and after the ordinance went into effect which will show the success of this ordinance instead of possible sales fluctuations not caused by the ordinance. By voting against this amendment you also show that this ordinance is not just about sales but about the health of all workers in the city of Madison.

In regards to the proposed advisory referendum, I ask that you strongly consider voting no. The public has already spoken out in favor of the ordinance by signing petitions, calling their alders and speaking before the city council when the ordinance was first introduced in the spring of 2004. As tough as it may seem now and as easy as a referendum sounds, you, the Madison City Council voted in favor of this ordinance and you need to stand by your actions. Public health should never be put to a popular vote.

Thank you for taking a stand to protect the health of all workers

Sincerely,

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