

Smoke-free Workplaces Petition

Councilmember Graham:

As a resident of Ward 1 and a concerned citizen, I urge you to support legislation that would prohibit smoking in all indoor workplaces, including bars and restaurants, in Washington, D.C.

Secondhand smoke is a serious health hazard that causes emphysema, cancer and heart disease. Everyone in D.C., regardless of their occupation, has the right to breathe smokefree air in their workplace. Creating smoke-free environments is the only way to protect this right for those who work and live in our nation's capital. Smoke knows no bounds, and neither nonsmoking sections nor sophisticated ventilations systems protect people from the harmful effects of secondhand smoke.

Hundreds of cities and states have enacted strong smoke-free laws, including New York City, Boston and San Francisco. Noise and violence has not been an increasing issue in these cities that have gone smoke-free, and it's provided a healthier environment for all workers and patrons. That being said, the health benefits of a smoke-free workplaces law far outweigh any increase in noise this law might create. Therefore, I wholeheartedly support a comprehensive smoke-free workplaces law in the District of Columbia and urge you to do the same.

Respectfully,

Signature

Print Name

Address

City, State Zip

Email Address

Phone Number (optional)



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