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John Calder
Alcoholic Beverage Control Board
550 W 7th Ave, Suite 1600
Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Mr. Calder:

On behalf of the Alaska Tobacco Control Alliance, we respectfully submit comments on the full set of marijuana regulations.

We applaud the Board and support the regulation prohibiting marijuana clubs. The ballot measure was clear, the public consumption of marijuana remains illegal and attached a \$100 fine. The first regulation adopted by the Board to define public supports this prohibition.

Consumption of smoked or vaporized marijuana in clubs creates a worker safety issue. Secondhand tobacco smoke causes disease and premature death in children and adults who do not smoke. Study results consistently indicate that exposure to secondhand tobacco smoke indicates the risk of coronary heart disease by 25-30%.

Research is emerging on the health effects of secondhand marijuana smoke. Marijuana smoke does contain carcinogens similar to tobacco smoke but there are no demonstrations of how it effect's a person's health in the long run. A recent study on rats showed blood vessel function dropped 70% after 30 minutes of exposure to secondhand marijuana smoke, even with very little THC in the smoke. Reduced blood vessel function may raise the chances of plaque build-up in arteries, potentially leading to a heart attack. This research has not been demonstrated on humans.

Thank you for supporting worker health and prohibiting the consumption of marijuana in private clubs.

Sincerely,

Karlene Manuel, co-chair
Interior Region

Edy Rodewald, co-chair
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