

Resolution of the
Van Buren County Democratic Party

Regarding the absence of a law prohibiting smoking in all workplaces in the State of Michigan.

Whereas

- Willingness to inhale tobacco smoke should be a personal choice, and
- Inhalation of tobacco smoke should not be forced on any person by others, and
- The risk of serious heart and lung disease should not be a condition of employment, and
- Business establishments should not discriminate against persons who, because of their own impaired health, cannot enter places where the air is contaminated by tobacco smoke, and
- All major cities in the United States except Detroit and Saint Louis have smoking bans in effect, and
- Patronage of restaurants, taverns, and night clubs in Chicago and New York has increased since smoking bans went into effect, and
- Eliminating smoking in workplaces and retail establishments will benefit Michigan's economy by reducing demands on healthcare facilities, by reducing worker absenteeism, and by eliminating dangerous fire hazards, and
- The Michigan State Senate has a smoking ban bill, HB 4377 in the Government Operations and Reform Committee, thus it is in the hands of the Senate to make smoke-free workplaces and business establishment available to Michigan residents and visitors;

We therefore call upon the Senate to bring this bill to the floor and a favorable vote immediately. We further call upon the Senate not to except any class of business from the smoke-free requirement.

Van Buren County Democratic Party,
on behalf of all the citizens of Michigan

Signatures: