

February 21, 2013

To: Sen. Floyd Prozanski, Chair & Sen. Betsy Close, Vice-Chair
Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee

From: Kris Williams, Crook County, Oregon

Re: Senate Bill 444, Relating to smoking in a motor vehicle when minor present

Dear Members of the Committee,

A few years ago, I personally witnessed a vehicle in the Crook County courthouse annex parking lot that contained a small child in a car seat, the windows were all rolled up, and the adult behind the wheel was smoking. Imagine my surprise when I recognized the adult (through the smoke haze) as a foster parent!

I was also raised in a family of smokers who during the winter left the windows rolled up in the car while smoking (No wonder I was addicted before the age of 14!).

I also remember, during vacations, being stuck in the middle of my grandparents in the front seat of the station wagon with grandpa (inadvertently) dropping hot ashes on my legs on his way to the ashtray.

Please help pass this law for the sake of our children.

Sincerely,
Kris Williams