

February 21, 2013

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

From: Monica Pyle, Tillamook, Oregon

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

Dear Committee Members,

I cannot make it to the Capitol to share my story, but I remember vividly how all 7 of us kids crammed into the Plymouth Station wagon and went to church on Sunday with my parents.

While my mom spent hours making sure our clothes were "just so" and our hair was brushed nicely, my dad smoked tobacco. The car would fill up with smoke and by the time we arrived at church (10 mile drive) all of us would be reeking of tobacco smoke.

To this day, when I smell tobacco smoke on an individual, I try not to breathe because when I do I can feel the toxins from the tobacco being inhaled into my lungs. My dad has tried to quit the tobacco smoking habit several times and for a while he was successful. He is now 82 years old and back to smoking tobacco.

Please pass Senate Bill 444.

Thank you,
Monica Pyle