



March 27, 2017

House Committee on Health Care
900 Court St. NE – HR E
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: HB 3345: Increasing protections from secondhand smoke in Oregon

Dear Representative Greenlick and committee members,

The American Lung Association strongly urges your support for House Bill 3345. As the leading organization for promoting lung health and eliminating lung disease, we are committed to supporting policies that will reduce risk for lung disease and improve the air we all breathe.

There are no safe levels of exposure to secondhand smoke. Secondhand smoke is linked to lung cancer, respiratory infections and asthma attacks. Oregon's Indoor Clean Air Act (ICAA) serves as a crucial public health protection by protecting our children, our families, our seniors and our communities for secondhand smoke which is responsible for 650 deaths each year in Oregon.

Strengthening the ICAA is a good step in reducing the number of our youth that become addicted to tobacco as well as help current tobacco users quit.

The American Lung Association greatly appreciates your thoughtful consideration of this legislation. We urge your support to protect our public health.

Sincerely,

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