



**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT  
Representative Marty Wilde, Chair**

**February 10, 2021**

**TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO HB 2640**

The American Lung Association is the leading organization working to save lives by improving lung health and preventing lung disease, through research, education, and advocacy. The work of the American Lung Association is focused on four strategic imperatives: to defeat lung cancer; to improve the air we breathe; to reduce the burden of lung disease on individuals and their families; and to eliminate tobacco use and tobacco-related diseases.

**The American Lung Association strongly supports the right for everyone to breathe clean, healthy air where they live, work and play.**

The Lung Association's "State of Tobacco Control" report grades states on evidence-based policies that are proven to reduce the deadly health harms of tobacco use. This year's report clearly shows that more work needs to be done in Oregon. Oregon's report is attached. Oregon received 1 A, 2 Cs and 2 Fs.

Oregon receives an A grade for our Smokefree Air policy. Clean Indoor Air laws remain very popular with the public while protecting the public from secondhand smoke.

**There is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke.**

This legislation moves Oregon in the wrong direction in protecting our public health by once again, allowing smoking in establishments and allowing the consumption of alcohol. So, so, once again, Oregon will have bars allowing smoking.

The American Lung Association urges you to maintain the integrity of Oregon's Indoor Clean Air Act. This life-saving law works to protect us from the health risks of secondhand smoke.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carrie Nyssen".

Carrie Nyssen  
Senior Director of Advocacy, American Lung Association in Oregon