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To: David L. Corliss
Subject: RE: Adoption and ammendmentment of state smoking law

From: Katherine A. Bruner [mailto:brunerko@yahoo.com]
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Commissioners,

On July 1st, the state of Kansas will follow North Carolina and a majority of US states in enacting a statewide indoor smoking law. This world wide cultural change that has come about in the last decade supported by medical science will lead to a healthier state.

Lawrence has a strong ordinance enacted in 1994 by the Lawrence City commission, lead by Mayor David Dunfield. To this day, he is thanked by citizens who appreciated his leadership on this important matter.

Our ordinance was upheld by the state supreme court after a suit brought by bar owner , Dennis Steffes, and became the model for 31 ordinances in communities around the state and finally for statewide legislation.

However, there are several defects in the state law which are addressed by our local ordinance, as outlined by city attorney Scott Miller in the comparison report prepared for you.

As you are aware, under the new state law, communities are allowed to have a more stringent ordinance, but may not have a weaker ordinance than the state law mandates.

The members of Clean Air Lawrence, strongly encourage you to retain those parts of our local ordinance which provide stronger protection of the public health as an ammendment to the statewide law. We ask you to adopt the state law and ammend it to the standards that we have enjoyed for the past 6 years.

I will be happy to speak with you on this matter if you have any questions.

Respectfully,
Kathy Bruner
Clean Air Lawrence