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CITY MANAGERS OFFICE
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Dear Commissioners,

As Lawrence citizens, interested in the health of our community, we write to encourage the Lawrence City Commission to pass a strong and comprehensive ordinance that will establish all Lawrence work places as smokefree.

The credible scientific evidence is overwhelming; environmental tobacco smoke, known as secondhand smoke, causes and exacerbates diseases that include heart disease, lung cancer, stroke, asthma and allergies.

The US surgeons General, US Centers for Disease Control, US Environmental Protection Agency, National Institutes of Health, American Medical Association, American Lung Association, and even Philip Morris acknowledge the health hazards caused by environmental tobacco smoke.

We understand you will be asked to consider commercial interests. You will be told the decision of whether or not to allow smoking is one of a personal choice. One might suggest that a business owner alone should decide. They may fear that patrons may simply go somewhere else if they are not allowed to smoke in an establishment. We appreciate a business owner's interest in running his or her own affairs, but the issue of exposure to environmental tobacco smoke is everybody's business. The employees of businesses that allow smoking have no choice. They are forced to breathe carcinogenic air while at work. With fewer healthcare dollars, and more smoke related diseases, we all pay in the end.

Local ordinances guarantee our food and fire safety. Protecting clean indoor air is no different.

More than 1600 communities in 46 states have smokefree workplace laws. They include Lexington, Kentucky---in the heart of tobacco country and Fayetteville, Arkansas--a Midwestern college town. Restaurants in California and New York are now smokefree. Ireland has recently enacted a ban on smoking in pubs.

Lawrence should join the growing number of municipalities that protect public health by enacting smokefree workplace laws.

We applaud your willingness to address this issue and urge your adoption of a ban on smoking in the workplace. Seldom, as a commissioner are you given the opportunity to save lives. This is that opportunity.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Citizens

Kindly include your **initials** indicating your allowing your name to be used in a published list to support clean indoor air and Clean Air Lawrence.

Address is OPTIONAL if you are interested in learning more about Clean Air Lawrence.

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