



# Pennsylvania Society for Respiratory Care, Inc.

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Hon. Patricia Vance  
168 Main Capitol Building  
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Dear Senator Vance:

As President of the Pennsylvania Society for Respiratory Care (PSRC), and on behalf of the 7,000 Respiratory Therapists working in the state of Pennsylvania, I wanted to contact you regarding SB 35 which has been referred to your committee. SB 35 seeks to eliminate the current exemptions in the Clean Indoor Air Act. We respectfully ask for consideration of SB 35 in the near future.

The legislation will help protect the many Pennsylvania workers who currently are employed in an exempted facility. All Pennsylvanians deserve to be protected by the Clean Indoor Air Act and from the hazardous effects of second hand smoke, which accounts for the deaths of 53,000 people annually in the United States. Second hand smoke is considered a known carcinogen and failing to protect the workers in exempted facilities means putting their health at risk. All employees should be protected, not just some.

Thank you,

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