

Chairman Louser and members of the State Industry, Business and Labor Committee. My name is Kelly Radebaugh. I am a Registered Nurse and I have been a Public Health Nurse for 28 years. The World Health Organization (WHO) defines Public Health as organized measures to prevent disease, promote health and prolonged life among the population.

In 2012 North Dakotans in every county voted in favor of North Dakota's Smoke-free Law. It protects everyone's right to breath smoke-free air.

There is NO safe level of exposure secondhand smoke. The cost of the product does not change the health risks posed from the use of the product. Cigars have not been proven to be any less dangerous than cigarettes. Smoking cigars doesn't only put the smoker at risk. Secondhand smoke carries the same risk to a nonsmoker as it does to the smoker.

I urge you to keep North Dakota's Smoke-free Law intact. Thank you for your consideration in voting against HB 1229.