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Testimony Opposing HB 661

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Chairperson Keane and Members:

I'm Florence Anderson from Choteau and I am here to oppose HB 661.

I believe all workers are entitled to a clean and healthy environment including those who work in bars and casinos. Currently many citizens have no protection from the harmful effects and cancer-causing toxins contained in second hand smoke. This legislation will protect the majority of citizens from this product that contains so many deadly toxins.

Yesterday many of you heard testimony from Doctors Sargent and Shepherd and many other health professionals about the toxicity of second hand smoke. There is no refuting the fact that second hand smoke kills. It doesn't discriminate. It harms anyone who breathes it.

Along with over 65% of Montanans I supported Initiative 146 and Initiative 149. I support HB 643. I don't support HB 661. I want clean air for all Montanans and I want local control preserved.

I urge you to vote "NO" to HB 661

Thank you,


Florence Anderson