



***Statement of Indiana Cancer Consortium on HB 1149:***

***Protect all Workers Equally with a Comprehensive Smoke-free Air Law***

Statement by Indiana Cancer Consortium

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The Indiana Cancer Consortium (ICC) supports the passage of a comprehensive statewide smoke-free air law for the State of Indiana. Cancer is the second leading cause of death for adults in Indiana, second only to heart disease. Over 13,000 Hoosiers die every year from cancer, and over 4,000 of those deaths are due to lung cancer. Furthermore, Indiana ranks high in tobacco use, and lacks a comprehensive smoke-free air law that would protect all Hoosier workers from secondhand smoke exposure, both of which contribute to increased lung cancer risk. The combined costs of health care and loss of life attributable to secondhand smoke in Indiana totaled over \$390 million in 2007, which illustrates the great potential for cost savings that could be realized by passing a comprehensive smoke-free air law.

HB 1149, as originally authored and introduced, represents an honest attempt to move forward and would help protect the majority of workers from the deadly effects of secondhand smoke exposure, and therefore the ICC supports this effort.

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