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## **SMOKE FREE WISCONSIN STATEMENT:**

Last night was a historic moment for advocates of smoke-free air. With bipartisan support, the Wisconsin Legislature voted to protect Wisconsin workers from secondhand smoke. This vote ensures many Wisconsin citizens' right to breathe clean indoor air. And while we would have preferred no exemptions and no delays, this law is substantial progress towards making Wisconsin workplaces healthier.

We applaud the co-sponsors of the bill, Senators Fred Risser and Mike Ellis and Representatives Jon Richards and Al Ott for their hard work and dedication. We also appreciate the work of thousands of volunteers who have worked tirelessly for years for smoke-free workplaces.

Wisconsin becomes the 27<sup>th</sup> state to pass a strong smoke-free law that includes restaurants and bars. The legislation adds to the growing momentum across the country and around the world to protect all workers and the public from the serious health hazards of secondhand smoke. No one should have to put their health at risk in order to earn a paycheck or enjoy a night out.

We urge Governor Doyle to sign this important legislation without delay.

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