

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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### PREMIER CONGRATULATED BY HEALTH GROUPS FOR MAKING BC 100% SMOKE-FREE INDOORS

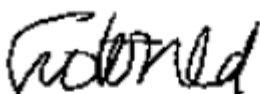
On November 5th Premier Campbell made a commitment to ban smoking in the hospitality sector by 2008 and make school grounds smoke-free by September 2007. The Premier's commitment to making the province smoke-free is in keeping with his goal of making BC the healthiest jurisdiction to host the Olympic Games. We are especially delighted that the Premier made the announcement himself, demonstrating his further commitment to this important public health initiative.

Our organizations have been encouraging the government to eliminate the provisions for designated smoking rooms, and by doing this, the provincial government sends the clear signal that all workers will be protected equally from the poisonous chemicals found in second-hand smoke. We are very pleased the government took the additional step to ban smoking on school grounds.

We look forward to working with the provincial government as we explore other ways to protect the public from second-hand smoke, such as making entranceways to buildings and patios at restaurants, bars and pubs, smoke-free.



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