



NORTHWEST ARKANSAS TOBACCO-FREE COALITION

American Heart Association

American Cancer Society

Arkansas Cancer Coalition

*Area Health Education
Center - AHEC*

*Washington County Health
Department*

Circle of Life Hospice

*Northwest Arkansas
Radiation Therapy Institute
- NARTI*

Jones Center for Families

*Community Clinic at St.
Francis House*

*Washington Regional
Medical Center for Health
Education*

University of Arkansas

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*Arkansas Department of
Health*

*Prevention Resource
Center*

*Northwest Arkansas
Hometown Health
Improvement*

*Coalition for a Tobacco
Free Arkansas*

Butler Broadcasting Co.

*Northwest Arkansas
Cancer Support Home*

Ozark Guidance Center

Dear Restaurant and Bar Owner/ Manager,

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves and offer a word of encouragement regarding smoke-free establishments in the City of Fayetteville.

The Northwest Arkansas Tobacco-Free Coalition is the voice of citizens in our area who are concerned about the health hazards of smoking and tobacco related illnesses. Although the coalition already has a core membership of about seventy-five individuals, we have recently received an additional 300 signatures of support, all of whom would like to see the elimination of exposure to secondhand smoke in Fayetteville establishments.

In fact, a recent poll in Fayetteville demonstrated 82.6% of residents surveyed indicated either they would be more likely to go to a restaurant if they knew the restaurant was non-smoking only. Among non-smokers the figure was 96.7%.

We have enclosed information about the dangers of secondhand smoke for workers and patrons, the issues of ventilation, as well as the benefits of smoke-free establishments. Lastly, we are asking that your restaurant or bar take a stance on this issue and offer a letter of support. Please return your letter in the self addressed envelope or fax us your comments (479-872-5350). If your facility is already smoke-free, please indicate that as well and we will list your restaurant as a permanent smoke-free establishment.

Feel free to contact us if you need more information or would like to speak to us personally on this paramount issue.

Sincerely,

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