

THEIR VIEW

Let's make our restaurants smoke-free

To the editor:

Imagine how wonderful it would be to be able to go to restaurants and take your family and not have to worry about breathing tobacco smoke.

Smoking is the number one preventable cause of death in America today, with over 430,000 dying each year from tobacco-related causes. Another 53,000 non-smoking Americans die annually from inhaling other people's tobacco smoke. Breathing tobacco smoke can hurt anyone, but it is especially harmful to the elderly, the very young and those with existing respiratory problems. Refraining from smoking during pregnancy and around children will give them a healthier start in life.

If you want to help make having smoke-free restaurants in Mississippi County a reality, you can write the governor, along with the L.V. Floyd Memorial Tutoring After School and Summer Program, at: The Honorable Mike Huckabee, Office of the Governor, State Capitol, Little Rock, Ark., 72201.

Ask him to sign the bill that prohibits smoking in restaurants.

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