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**ACMS Supports State-wide Smoking Ban**

*The members of the Allegheny County Medical Society support the passage of a statewide workplace smoking ban. The ACMS offers full support and assistance in helping to make public places in Pennsylvania smoke free.*

*In the interest of public health, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania should protect workers and patrons from the known health dangers of secondhand smoke. There should be no exceptions to the public smoking ban for casinos, bars that do not serve much food, or venues with only a few employees. The ban will be most effective if all public and workplaces in all counties abide by the same rules.*

*Pennsylvania should lead in drastically reducing the leading cause of preventable death in the United States.*

*The medical argument detailing the dangers of passive smoke is undeniable. The EPA categorizes secondhand smoke as a carcinogen. Citizens should have the freedom to enjoy a public environment free of tobacco smoke and its inherent health risks.*

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*The Allegheny County Medical Society has 2,500 physician members from all specialties and is dedicated to providing leadership and advocacy on healthcare issues for the community and physicians. The organization has been serving Allegheny County since 1865. For more information, please contact ACMS at 412-321-5030 or [acms@acms.org](mailto:acms@acms.org).*