HOW IT WORKS

Let’s work together to show our state legislators the huge number of people in Pennsylvania that support comprehensive clean indoor air policies and want their voices heard!

1. Leading up to Day at the Capitol on May 3, go to truinpa.org, download, print and cut out the “I Support Clean Air” speech bubbles.

2. Ask everyone you know (friends, neighbors, family, etc) to sign a speech bubble if they support clean air for all Pennsylvanians.

3. Have them include their name and address on the bubble. They can opt to write their address on the back and their name on the front.

4. Post photos of your speech bubbles on Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook. Tag with #DATC2022 and #CleanAirforPA.

5. Collect your stack of speech bubbles and give them to your Advisor.

6. Advisors, mail your group of signatures, along with the informational letter, to your local legislators so they can see how many constituents support comprehensive clean indoor air policies.

Follow along at @TRUinPA | Questions: Lauren.Chappel@lung.org

TIP
Reference the clean indoor air facts on page 2 or visit TRUinPA.org/clean-indoor-air for additional information.
Pennsylvania’s current clean indoor air legislation has several exemptions that allow workers and patrons to be exposed to secondhand smoke in over 1,300 venues across the state, including bars, casinos, and private clubs. E-cigarettes are not included under Pennsylvania’s Clean Indoor Air Act, leaving workers and patrons exposed to secondhand emissions.

Comprehensive clean indoor air legislation would prohibit smoking and vaping in all indoor workplaces and public places, with no exceptions. Being exposed to secondhand emissions puts workers at risk for tobacco-related health problems. The nicotine and other chemicals from those emissions will also cling to their clothes even after they return home, exposing the rest of the household to harmful thirdhand emissions.

More than 34,000 adult nonsmokers die every year in the United States from heart disease and lung cancer caused by exposure to secondhand smoke.

Both the U.S. Surgeon General and the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine have warned about the risks of inhaling secondhand e-cigarette emissions. In 2016, the Surgeon General concluded that secondhand emissions contain, “nicotine; ultrafine particles; flavorings such as diacetyl, a chemical linked to serious lung disease; volatile organic compounds such as benzene, which is found in car exhaust; and heavy metals, such as nickel, tin, and lead.”

Secondhand smoke is a known cause of lung cancer, heart disease, chronic lung ailments such as bronchitis and asthma (particularly in children).

A study confirmed there was no evidence of a negative economic impact on Pennsylvania businesses due to the enactment of the Clean Indoor Air law.
I support clean indoor air for ALL