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## **Legislators conduct second hearing on smokefree worksite legislation**

*CSA launches podcasts to highlight committee testimony*

**Lansing, Mich.** – The Campaign for Smokefree Air (CSA) commended lawmakers for holding a second hearing today on House Bill 4163 that would make all Michigan worksites, including restaurants and bars, smokefree.

“This is a very serious issue, and we’re pleased to see lawmakers giving it the attention and public hearings that it deserves,” said Susan Schechter, CSA spokesperson. “We look forward to a vote on this issue, that will impact the health and safety of all Michigan residents.”

At 9 a.m. in the Michigan State Capitol, the House Commerce Committee heard testimony from several CSA advocates, including doctors, business owners and victims:

**Dr. Ken Warner**, Dean of the University of Michigan School of Public Health, Avedis Donabedian, distinguished university Professor of Public Health, Director of University of Michigan Tobacco Research Network

**Bill Barnes**, nonsmoking survivor of cancer caused by secondhand smoke

**Michelle Thurman**, co-owner with Dino Ciccarelli of Club 22, Shelby Township, Mich.

**Carrie Klein**, lost her sister to cancer caused by secondhand smoke exposure while working in smoky newsrooms and other smoke filled worksites as a journalist.

**Amalie Helms**, an asthmatic for more than 30 years and mother of five-year old asthmatic twins, who also lost her step father to lung cancer and pulmonary hypertension.

**Dr. Greg Holzman**, Chief Medical Officer, Michigan Department of Community Health

CSA has launched a series of podcasts to raise awareness on the benefits of adopting smokefree legislation in Michigan. The series calls on a variety of Michigan residents, restaurant owners and health professionals to share personal accounts of why a smokefree Michigan is critical to the health of all residents. Kicking off the series will be Dr. Ron Davis, President of the American Medical Association, followed by Michigan native and local restaurant and bar owner, David Haberman of the Bosco Lounge. The podcast will be available on iTunes and other online podcast directories. To listen to the podcast, please visit our Web site at <http://makemyairsmokefree.org/podcasts.php>

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### **About CSA**

The Campaign for Smokefree Air is a grassroots coalition with more than 165 members, including leadership from the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, American Lung Association of Michigan, Michigan Hospital Association, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Michigan State Medical Society, as well as other statewide groups that support making workplaces, including restaurants and bars, smokefree. For more information about the Campaign for Smokefree Air, please visit [www.MakeMIAirSmokefree.org](http://www.MakeMIAirSmokefree.org).

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