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Legislation to create smokefree worksites in Michigan could take leap forward Tuesday

Doctors and victims of secondhand smoke testifying before House Commerce Committee

- WHAT:** House Commerce Committee hearing on HB 4163 – a bill to create smokefree workplaces, including restaurants and bars, in Michigan. Testimony will be presented on the health and financial benefits of creating smokefree environments. A committee vote is anticipated.
- WHO:** **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
- WHEN:** **Tuesday June 26, 2007, 9 a.m.**
- WHERE:** **House Appropriations Room, 352 Capitol building**

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