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To Whom It May Concern:

This no- smoking by-law effects our lively hood and hurts our business. When this was in effect in Jan 1 2000, we lost a lot of business. We rely a lot on crews in the motel, they can be here for a month to 2 months.

When they found out there was a no smoking by law in effect they would go across the boarded to Alberta where this by law was not in effect. My client Tel went from 60 % to 10 %. I had to laid off staff because there was no work for them. This by law effects everyone in a small town, if you bring this back we might as well shut our doors. You know it's bad enough that our unemployment is so high now and our welfare system is high, well in a small town like Dawson creek it will become a alot higher because we will have to laid off staff once again, and maybe even shut our doors.

You have to remember that it cause's a chain effect in our community. If they don't stay in motels that means they don't go to restaurant, bars, groceries store either.

You should really consisted this by -law and what it will do to small towns and to all the small business owner's.

Our government is suppose to help make jobs, not take them away. Please consider this by -law carefully before bringing back into effect once again. As it is the high prices of gasoline is effecting out tourism industry already we have seen a drop in the tourism industry. If this non -smoking by - law comes back into effect we will see a lot more dorp in our business.

**Regards,
Ida & Ray Sharp
Managers
PEACE VILLA MOTEL**