



## Vermont Chapter

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Senator Claire Ayer  
Vermont State house  
Montpelier, VT 05633

Dear Senator Ayer:

The pediatricians of Vermont and the American Academy of Pediatrics Vermont Chapter strongly urge you to support H.217. We are specifically urging passage of the section on the prohibition of smoking in cars with children.

I think everyone knows the health risks of smoking, especially to children and their developing lungs. People talk about the rights of the parents to smoke in the car, but the children don't have a choice, what about their rights?

While the language currently in the legislation (under 8) is a start, we believe it is the right of every child to have a healthy start to life. We ask that the committee consider raising the age to under 18.

We are the voice of the voiceless. Please protect our children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara Frankowski MD".

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