

## H-217 Written testimony

Megan Smith, Commissioner of Tourism and Marketing

In my opinion H-217 will bring every lodging property into compliance and our visitors will know when they come to Vermont they will not experience a negative experience. It is very much in line with our brand as a “healthy state” that we promote and what I am sure people expect when they vacation here.

When the first law passed in 1995 I owned a lodging property and was thrilled to make the entire inn and restaurant non-smoking. It helped our profitability as well by cutting down on the carpet, curtain and bedding cleaning bills. It also truly enhanced the guest experience.