

Casino Grassroots Campaign  
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## **Template: Letters to the Editor**

To the editor,

Lung cancer in casino workers isn't as bad as lung cancer in other people, apparently. At least, that's what casino owners must think, because we casino employees are still forced to breathe in secondhand smoke at work.

The smoking ban was passed last year to protect people like bartenders, waitresses and janitors from secondhand smoke, but all those smart people in Harrisburg decided to make an exception for casinos. So people who work in restaurants and bars and everywhere else are protected. Unless they choose to smoke themselves, they don't have as many problems with colds and ear infections and high blood pressure and all the other bad stuff secondhand smoke causes. They don't have to worry about getting lung cancer or emphysema either.

Those of us working in casinos, though, we're still breathing in as much smoke as our customers can puff at us and getting sicker and sicker. But it's OK, because apparently it doesn't matter so much if a casino worker dies. We're Pennsylvanians, but we're just not that important.

Sincerely

Full name

Contact number

(You can request anonymity, but the newspaper does need to verify the letter so contact details are essential)