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The Chattanooga Area Chamber of Commerce Supports Smoking Ban

The Chattanooga Area Chamber of Commerce supports legislation pending before the Tennessee General Assembly to enact a ban on smoking in the workplace and indoor public areas. Chamber members have overwhelmingly stated their support for this ban in recent weeks as the issue has become more prominent.

"Our business member-investors have expressed overwhelming support for reasonable limits on smoking in the workplace," said Hayes Ledford, Chamber Vice President for Public Affairs. "We believe the benefits for public health and enhanced quality of life will also have a positive impact on commercial activity."

Several bills have been introduced which would restrict smoking in varying degrees. The Chamber supports reasonable regulations that effectively protect public health, promote quality of life, and enhance commercial activity.

The Chattanooga Area Chamber of Commerce encourages other businesses, business organizations and associations to join in this effort. Anecdotal evidence from states such as Georgia and Florida suggests that commercial activity in the business sectors most affected has remained constant or increased since statewide, no-smoking measures were enacted.

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