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Ponca Tribe
of Nebraska

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Sioux Tribe

Sac & Fox Tribe
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Santee Sioux Tribe
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Sioux Tribe

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Sioux Tribe

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Yankton
Sioux Tribe

Rapid City Service Area

Dear Smoke-Free Policy Advocates:

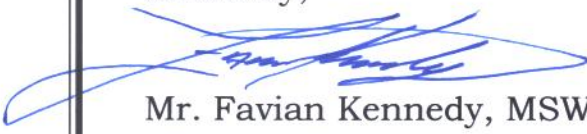
Implementing policies that substantially limit or eliminate commercial tobacco use in tribally-controlled spaces is an effective way of reducing the health risks associated with secondhand smoke exposure. Despite common misconceptions about non-smoking sections and expensive ventilation systems, 100% smoke-free polices remain the only proven method of protecting tribal members, employees, and tribal business patrons from the dangers of secondhand smoke.

The *Tribal Clean Indoor Air Policy Toolkit* will assist your efforts to plan and implement an effective smoke-free policy that is appropriate for your community. The toolkit contains the benefits of smoke-free policies, community readiness assessments, and sample resolutions and ordinances that can be adapted to meet community needs.

As states and local municipal governments move toward securing smoke-free public spaces for their citizens, smoke-free polices are becoming the global trend. Tribal governments have a unique opportunity to protect those individuals residing, working, or visiting sovereign tribal lands. Everyone should have the right to breathe clean air.

If you would like technical assistance developing a tribal smoke-free policy or a policy advocacy campaign please contact one of our health educators at 1-866-203-1039.

Sincerely,


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