Dear Editor,

The Indiana Cancer Consortium’s (ICC) District 6 Cancer Control Coalition would like to thank the Breathe Easy Howard County tobacco control coalition on their efforts to strengthen Kokomo’s existing smokefree air law into a comprehensive policy that protects all workers from secondhand smoke.

Exposure to secondhand smoke is a known carcinogen and risk factor for developing lung cancer, in addition to other chronic diseases like heart disease, stroke, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

“Breathe Easy Howard County led a very smart and organized campaign to protect all workers equally from the dangers of secondhand smoke,” said Becky Butts, ICC District 6 Coalition Co-Chair. “It is extremely disappointing that a last minute change of vote stood in the way of making Kokomo a healthier place to work, live and play”.

The ICC District 6 Cancer Control Coalition supports educating communities about the dangers of secondhand smoke and benefits of smokefree air, like reduced cancer risk. To learn more, please visit www.indianacancer.org.

Sincerely,

ICC District 6 Cancer Coalition