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**Joint Statement By:**

**Public Health & Medical Groups Call on State Legislature to Protect All New Yorkers from Emissions from Electronic Cigarettes by Including them in State's Clean Indoor Air Act**

Albany, NY: Together, we call on the State Legislature to stand up to opposition by Big Tobacco and do what is in the best interest of all New Yorkers by passing legislation to include electronic cigarettes under the state's Clean Indoor Air Act. The legislation, S.6562-B and A.8178-B, sponsored by Senator Kemp Hannon (R-Garden City) and Assembly Member Linda Rosenthal (D-Manhattan) would protect the overwhelming majority of citizens who do not smoke including workers, children, pregnant women, those with asthma, respiratory conditions and compromised health from exposure to electronic cigarettes in public places.

Failure on the part of the State Legislature this year to pass this legislation equates to a decision to weaken the existing law by not protecting those who don't smoke and don't want to be subjected to these vapor emissions. We must keep the "clean" in the Clean Indoor Air Act because new research is showing that the emissions from e-cigarettes are not harmless.

According to recent research conducted by Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo, "e-cigarettes are not emission free. And include nicotine, acrolein (which is commonly used as a weed killer), the embalming agent formaldehyde and the cancer causing chemical and irritant acetaldehyde."

Most devices have a battery operated cartridge that is heated and then vaporizes nicotine and other chemicals. In the absence of legislation these devices are currently being used in all public places including workplaces, movie theatres, schools, malls, playgrounds, hospitals, restaurants and bars. The increasing use of e-cigarettes has led to confusion about existing laws and difficulty in enforcement the Clean Indoor Air Act according to county health officials.

Similar legislation has been passed in New York City, Suffolk County and Cattaraugus County. As a result, more than half the state's population is protected from inhaling the emissions of electronic cigarettes in public places and worksites. All New Yorkers need this protection. The use of electronic cigarettes is increasing rapidly with heavy marketing by tobacco companies and new manufacturers. Half of the users are not prior smokers so the marketing is attempting to re-glamourize smoking for a new generation of young people and it is working.

If the State Legislature fails to take action by June 19th, then it is expected that campaigns will be mounted in other counties and municipalities across the state to enact provisions to protect the public.

We applaud Senator Hannon and Assemblywoman Rosenthal for their leadership on this critically important public health measure. We call on the State Senate and Assembly to pass this legislation this session.

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