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The United Auto Workers, who proudly represent many Atlantic City casino workers directly impacted by dangerous secondhand smoke, support the passing of S-264 and A2151.

The one thing that has become crystal clear since the start of the Covid 19 pandemic is that our health is our most important and fragile commodity. We have to take care of ourselves and each other.

Our members include dealers who sit inches away from patrons who blow smoke directly into their face for eight hours a day, every single day. It is simply unacceptable knowing what we know about the dangers of secondhand smoke. It is unacceptable knowing that even brief exposure to secondhand smoke can be harmful to someone's health. According to the CDC, secondhand smoke contains more than 7,000 chemicals of which hundreds are toxic and at least 70 can cause cancer. No worker in the state of NJ should be forced to breathe cancer causing chemicals every single day.

Alarmingly, cancer is not the only concern. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services estimates that close to 34,000 premature heart disease deaths can be attributed to secondhand smoke each year. Each year more that 8,000 deaths from stroke can be attributed to secondhand smoke.

We have heard the financial scare tactics laid out by the casinos, but nothing is more frightening than the numbers released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with regard to secondhand smoke. We know that the casinos will thrive without indoor smoke causing a slow death to the employees. We know this because we have seen casinos in states across the country thrive while implementing accommodations to protect their workers.

The UAW will be pushing elected officials in Trenton to hold hearings on these bills, and we are certain they will pass. We will not stand idly by and watch our members choose between their health and their job. We all have a right to breathe clean air at our workplaces.

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