

## Letter in Response to an Individual Opposing your Tobacco-Free Policy

*To be printed on hospital letterhead*

Date

Name

Title

Business Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Dear (personalize with name),

In response to your recent comment about our tobacco-free policy, our mission calls us to improve the health of not only those we serve and their families, but also those who work with us. Tobacco use is the number one source of preventable disease worldwide and is responsible for approximately one in five deaths in the United States. Tobacco is the cause of death for 3,800 Kansans every year and is the root cause of many illnesses and lost productivity. Tobacco use in and around hospitals poses health and safety risks for patients, employees and visitors.

As a health care provider, we feel it is necessary to take a stand to stop this public health epidemic. Hospital Name has joined hospitals across Kansas in an effort to become tobacco-free. Our tobacco-free policy is intended to create a healthy environment for everyone who comes to Hospital Name to receive care, visit a patient or work. Legally, tobacco use is not a right; it is a privilege that can be restricted when it is detrimental to others. We hope that you will understand and support our tobacco-free initiative.

Sincerely,

Name

Director of Quality Management

Phone