



COOK COUNTY RECORDER OF DEEDS KAREN A. YARBROUGH

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Recorder Yarbrough Discusses Widespread Public Support on Fifth Anniversary of Smoke-Free IL Law

(CHICAGO) - Cook County Recorder of Deeds Karen Yarbrough, the lead House sponsor of the Smoke-Free Illinois law, talked about widespread support for the measure at a Fifth Anniversary commemoration with the American Lung Association (Illinois) on Wednesday in Chicago. She released the following statement:

"It's hard to believe that it has been five years since Illinois became the first state in the Midwest to go smoke free in public places, but that is because it has become such a welcomed part of our lives. I still have people thank me for passing it, even five years later.

"A recent survey showed that 77 percent of Illinoisans support our clean indoor air law, including over half of smokers. We also have data showing an increase in liquor licenses issued, and I believe that this law has encouraged more people to go out to restaurants and taverns. This means more economic activity.

"Smoke-Free Illinois is most importantly about public health and safety, especially for those who used to spend forty hours a week in smoky workplaces. Everyone deserves a safe and healthy place to work, and I am proud that Illinoisans are still standing together against a habit that is destructive to smokers, bystanders and our healthcare system."

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