ON ITS FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

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THINGS THE SMOKE-FREE LAW has done for N.C.

CLEARED THE AIR

Air quality in restaurants and bars improved

89%

IMPROVED HEALTH

REDUCED average **weekly E.R. visits** for heart attack by 21%

REDUCED risk of **asthma E.R. visits** by 7%

HELPED REDUCE SMOKING

Contributed to LARGE INCREASE in calls to 1-800-QUITNOW

Contributed to CONTINUED DECREASE in high school and middle school STUDENT SMOKING

CHANGED US

Growing support for the law, encouraged other businesses to go smoke-free voluntarily

Now people can't imagine allowing smoking in restaurants/bars

AND DID ALL THIS WITHOUT HURTING BUSINESS

Studies show **no negative impact** on restaurant/bar **income or employment**

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