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John Glen
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Dear Mr Glen,

**THE SMOKING, HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005
(PROHIBITION OF SMOKING IN CERTAIN PREMISES) REGULATIONS
2005: DRAFT**

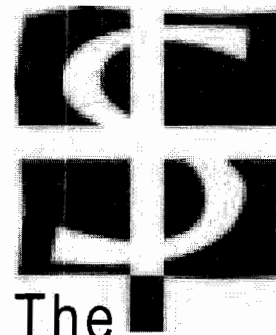
The Salvation Army welcomes the consultation document on **prohibition of smoking in certain premises** in Scotland and appreciates the opportunity to respond.

As part of the Christian Church and one of the largest charities in the UK, we help thousands of vulnerable people each day, many of whom have experienced or are experiencing significant health and economic problems that are attributable to, and exacerbated by, the continued use of tobacco. As such we would support any initiative that is intended to alleviate these problems.

As a major employer in the field of Social Care, The Salvation Army already adheres to a strict no smoking policy in the workplace. All Salvation Army property is included in this policy. Because of this we feel that any actions which the Executive take to limit or prohibit smoking in the workplace is to be welcomed.

Following discussions with The Salvation Army's Territorial Medical Advisory and Ethics Committee (TMAEC), our considered view would be that there is now sufficient data and public support to develop legislation to curtail smoking in public places and in particular prohibit smoking in wholly enclosed areas.

Whilst some may question how far a ban on smoking should reach we would maintain that of crucial importance should be the protection from the effects of passive smoking of the public. Although smoking is not illegal per se it is important to safeguard the health of others who should be able to choose between a smoking and smoke-free environment. It is with this in mind that the committee questions whether limiting a smoking ban to "wholly enclosed areas", is sufficient to provide people, who would choose a smoke-free



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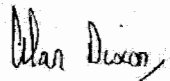
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environment, with the necessary safeguards. Whilst economic considerations are important with respect to licensed trade and those offering public hospitality, TMAEC believes that the rights of individuals to access all public areas in safety should be respected.

Yours sincerely

(sent electronically)



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