

Dear Sir,

The German laws on protection against passive smoking are almost exclusively concerned with public places such as schools, bars, etc. and even then they are applied only in watered-down form, if they are applied at all.

The tobacco producers' lobby and the politicians and media representatives in their pocket have seen to it that a study by the German cancer research centre shows that 3 300 people a year die from the effects of passive smoking, or to be more precise, ARE MURDERED FOR BASE MOTIVES!!! This estimated figure is undoubtedly very much higher.

NO PROVISION AT ALL is made for protection from poisoned air where it is most important, i.e. in one's own apartment, as smoking is STILL deemed to be a use of the apartment provided for in the contract and is allowed at any time.

Only in extreme cases can the right to clean air form the subject of a legal appeal, but for this expensive air measurements are needed, which may not be conclusive, if the nicotine addict was not in the apartment when the measurement was taken or, what is more probable and more frequent, the appraiser was bribed by the tobacco mafia, like Professor Überla, for example, who for years, despite knowing better, publicly denied the harmfulness of passive smoking for payment and has not yet even been brought to court for this!!!

Like many others, I would like to take this opportunity, initiated by the tobacco mafia to bring your attention to the oppression of and harm to passive smokers by an unscrupulous, profit-hungry lobby.

**PLEASE HELP US TO INVOKE OUR RIGHT TO SMOKE-FREE AIR!!!**

In my opinion, the best way to achieve this is to take the STILL legal tobacco products that emit side-stream smoke off the market and replace them with SMOKE-FREE products. These would include re-usable, i.e. cheaper, tobacco products that release the poison only to the addict, but not into the surrounding area - i.e. a long overdue DIRT FILTER.

Various companies developed smoke-free tobacco products long ago, e.g. NicStick, Cobracrest, Project Akkord, but they don't make it onto the market, partly for image (!!!) reasons.  
Incorrigible addicts are to be able to continue poisoning themselves then, as long as they're no longer harming bystanders and are paying higher health insurance contributions.

Air is a basic commodity, not a rubbish dump for the tobacco lobby!!!

Thanking you in advance for your support,

Yours faithfully,

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