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## **LUNG CANCER ALLIANCE COMMENDS SMOKE FREE VOTE IN GREAT BRITAIN**

Washington, DC, Feb. 22, 2006: The Lung Cancer Alliance congratulated the British Prime Minister and the House of Parliament for their historic vote this month banning smoking in the workplace throughout Great Britain.

In a letter to Prime Minister Tony Blair, LCA President Laurie Fenton praised the vote which she said sends a strong signal to the United States to join England and the growing number of countries who have banned smoking in the workplace.

Blair and his party initially faced significant opposition on the vote which is expected to be ratified soon by the House of Lords and become law in 2007.

In applauding Blair for his leadership, Fenton noted that some have decried outright smoking bans as an infringement of personal liberties.

However, Fenton said, "they fail to understand fully the seductive addictiveness of nicotine that entraps so many of our young people and enables otherwise rational adults to convince themselves that they freely choose to smoke carcinogens."

The Lung Cancer Alliance located in Washington, DC is dedicated, like the Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation in Great Britain, to defeating lung cancer.