

Smoke-free Coalition Day at the Capitol

March 3, 2009



Smoke-free advocates from Goodhue County, Dakota County and the St. Cloud area met at the State Capitol. We received updates on challenges to our smoke-free law during a lunch meeting.



Here is the Goodhue County table with members from Cannon Falls, Red Wing, Wanamingo and Zumbrota.



Members of our group from District 28A met with Representative Tim Kelly outside a committee hearing room at the State Office Building. He told us he has learned a lot about the Freedom to Breathe Act since the election and he understands that it is very popular in his district.



Our members from District 28B met with Rep. Steve Drazkowski. Last session he voted in favor of every amendment to weaken or repeal our smoke-free law. We let him know that the majority of the voters in his district want to keep the air smoke-free.

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While waiting for Senator Murphy's committee meeting to end...



...we had a chance to relax a little and enjoy the State Capitol.



The whole group met with Senator Steve Murphy. He assured us that he still supports our smoke-free law and will oppose any attempts to weaken it.



Mission accomplished! Thanks to everyone who participated in our trip to the Capitol.