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Dear Ann Arbor City Council,

I am an 8th grader at Forsythe Middle School. Every day I ride the Ann Arbor Public city bus to the Transit Center downtown, where I wait for the next bus to drop me off at my final destination. The problem is almost everyone in that area smokes; meaning that it is not only bad for the smokers themselves but also other students including myself breathe in second hand smoke. Even though the Transit Center is outside, there is so much smoke in that area that I breathe in all the fumes. It is kind of a contradiction that Ann Arborites pay tax money for teachers to teach their students about the horrible consequences of smoking and also about second hand smoking; and then right after that to go to a major second hand smoking place. **I propose banning all smoking from the Transit Center, and furthermore, from any Ann Arbor-owned property that K-12 students go to.**

Facts about second hand smoking:

-For every cigarette someone else breathes around you it is estimated that you lose 4 minutes of your life. On annual basis men lose about 13 years of potential life, women 14.5.

-Smoking can give you lung cancer, along with kidney, bone marrow, and cervix cancer and many others.

Sincerely,



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