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2008 – 2009 ADVOCACY

A major role of the American Lung Association of Hawaii (ALAH) and the American Lung Association (ALA) is to defend your right to breathe.

ALAH's Hawaii-based Advocacy Priorities:

- Keep the November 2006 No Smoking In Public Places Law in place (oppose any roll-backs or modifications)
- Oppose any attempts to raid the Master Tobacco Settlement Agreement Tobacco Trust Fund
- Educate the public on the dangers of non-cigarette tobacco products (cigars, water pipes, smokeless tobacco, electronic cigarettes)
- Participate in next "Kick Butts Day" at the Hawaii Legislature on March 25, 2009. This nationwide event promotes youth advocacy and tobacco control efforts.
- Keep the Big Island's new ordinance prohibiting smoking in all county parks, beaches, and recreational areas in place
- Educate the public on the dangers of fireworks and how to deal with "VOG" and smoke

ALA's and ALAH's National Priorities

- Support the passage in the US Senate of the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act that moves the regulation of tobacco products to the FDA. This was passed by the US House of Representatives on July 30, 2008
- ALA will host an Advocacy Day at the US Legislature on March 25, 2009
- ALA produces the annual State of the Air and State of Tobacco Control reports. Each of these include specific Hawaii sections