



# TOBACCO CONTROL IS OUT OF CONTROL TIME TO APPLY THE BRAKES



Today Councilman James F. Gennaro will announce his proposal to extinguish your parental autonomy and ban smoking in cars with “children” under 18. This is an unwarranted invasion of your private space. The claims he will make are faulty and flawed, and threaten liberty for all in general.

Dr. Michael Siegel, a tobacco control researcher for over 20 years and supporter of workplace smoking bans, was invited by the councilman’s office to attend as a supporter. This is why he declined:

“The arguments being used to support car smoking bans to protect children’s health are faulty. It is a lot of rhetoric but very little substance. It does not trump all other arguments.

“Most children who ride in a car in which a parent is smoking for a short period of time will **not** develop any illnesses.

“Once we as a society decide that we are willing to invade the privacy of personal space (cars and homes) and interfere with parental autonomy in decision-making merely in order to address behaviors equal to feeding your child french fries we have removed the last barrier from the complete intrusion of the government into all aspects of our personal lives.

“The anti-smoking movement has transformed into a fanatical crusade in which the science doesn’t matter and in which the truth is being distorted.

“Bans on smoking in cars with children are not justified.

The is a dangerous concept. We don’t want to go there.”

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**Tell Councilman Gennaro hands off YOUR kids!**

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