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Alderman Donovan Vents on Smoking Ban in Letter to Mayor

In a letter (see attached) to Mayor Tom Barrett, Ald. Bob Donovan uses a sharp sarcastic stick to poke jabs at the statewide smoking ban signed yesterday by Governor Jim Doyle.

In the letter, Alderman Donovan said the smoking ban is yet another example of the state and city executive branches ignoring real issues impacting the City of Milwaukee. In the alderman's letter, for example, he alludes to the mayor and governor's tendency to opt for the "issue du jour" by stating, "given the incredible fiscal challenges facing Milwaukee and the state of Wisconsin, it remains absolutely critical that we as elected officials continue to address issues such as smoking bans and seat belt laws so as to appear like we are actually doing something."

The letter also addresses the possible use of Milwaukee public safety personnel to enforce the smoking ban at taverns and other locations. "I am adamantly opposed to using Milwaukee police officers for dispatches to taverns so they can ticket some poor soul who lit up in a place he shouldn't have," said the alderman, who serves as chair of the Common Council's Public Safety Committee.

For interviews and further comment, please contact Alderman Donovan directly at **414.708.2096**.

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