OHIO Faculty and Staff Support a Tobacco-Free Campus Video Transcript

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Do you support the Tobacco-Free Initiative?

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Dawn Bikowski: “I do support the tobacco-free campus.”

Annie Laurie Cadmus: “I absolutely support the tobacco-free campus.”

Wendy Merb-Brown: “I do support a tobacco-free campus.”

Annie Laurie Cadmus: “I think it’s a great idea to support a culture of wellness on our campus, both for our bodies and for our environment”

Micah McCarey: “I’m actually really excited for our campus to become tobacco-free, if for no other reason than to not see so many cigarette butts around.”

Tom Fiocchi: “Nobody seems to treat cigarette butts like they’re litter. It’s like everybody like [imitates smoking], and then just flicks them on the ground, but they’re all over the place.”

Dawn Bikowski: “For the people who are using tobacco, this is a wonderful opportunity.”

Terry Koons: “I think that it really inspires people who are current tobacco users to try to quit.”

Vicki Butcher: “There are just so many reasons not to use tobacco and um, I think that having a tobacco free campus would put just that much inconvenience into it.”

Wendy Merb-Brown: “We walk around campus. If people are smoking it’s hard to avoid that smoke.”

Sam Crowl: “I have a lot of respect for people choosing, their own freedom to choose that they want to smoke, but I don’t think the rest of us should have to engage in that smoking as well.

Wendy Merb-Brown: “I think the University taking a stance to say ‘We want to have a healthy environment for all of our employees, for all of our guests, for all of our different visitors,’ but our students most importantly are what I’m concerned about.

Tom Fiocchi: “I have to care about the students that I’m, I’m dealing with. And I know that for people – already it’s harder and harder for people who smoke to do it. I mean when they go to the bars, socially, everybody’s got to go outside and things like that. I guess the harder you make it for them to smoke, I mean the better off it’s going to be for them if they can do it.”

Dawn Bikowski: “Not only as an educator, but as a parent, um, we have a community then that is supporting this and supporting, supporting a tobacco-free area, so this is a good role model for them as well and that means a lot to me too.”

Sam Crowl: “I think Athens is a very progressive community, and, uh, when they ban smoking indoors, for those of us that like to go out and listen to music and do things out on the town, it’s been a huge positive not to come out of those establishments smelling like smoke, and much healthier. And I think expanding that to the whole campus just improves the environment tremendously.”

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