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Since the outcry is based in part on the NY State smoking regulations, I'd also recommend sending our employers' guide on NY State.

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