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## Smoke-Free Laws are a Growing Trend

### ✓ Momentum is Growing Across the United States and Around the World to Protect Everyone’s Right to Breathe Clean Air

- A national poll supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation found that nearly 7 in 10 voters (69 percent) favor a law in their state or community that would prohibit smoking in most indoor public places, including workplaces, public buildings, offices, restaurants and bars. This includes a 59 percent majority who strongly favor such a law. (Nationwide survey of 1,000 voters conducted in January 2006 by The Mellman Group, Inc)
- Polls across the U.S. show [strong support for smoke-free laws](#) – both before and after these laws take effect.
- 27 states, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico have passed smoke-free laws that cover restaurants and bars. The states are Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina (Jan. 2, 2010), Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota (law on hold pending legal challenge), Utah, Vermont, Washington, and Wisconsin (July 5, 2010).
- Worldwide, Colombia, Djibouti, Guatemala, India, Panama, Singapore, and Turkey have recently adopted or implemented strong smoke-free laws. Other countries that have previously implemented strong smoke-free laws include: Australia, Bhutan, France, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, New Zealand, Norway, Thailand, the United Kingdom, and Uruguay.

