



From the Office of: _____

Date: _____

To Whom It May Concern,

_____, my patient, has a chronic respiratory illness that greatly affects his/her breathing and lungs. Secondhand smoke exposure has been scientifically proven to aggravate respiratory symptoms and to cause potentially life threatening lung infections and discomfort.

It has come to my attention that your building currently allows smoking. In 2010, the Surgeon General's report stated that there is no safe level of secondhand smoke exposure. The home is the primary place of exposure for both children and adults. Due to the ability of smoke to travel in multiunit housing buildings through walls, floors, ceilings, vents, and electrical ducts, **the only way to ensure the protection of you and your tenants is to enact a completely smoke free policy.**

Making your building smoke free can save you money:

- Pay less for cleaning and turnover fees
- Attract more tenants since the majority of renters are looking for smoke free housing
- Reduce the risk of fire and pay less for fire insurance

By cutting your costs and improving health, smoke free policies benefit

I hope you consider my recommendations and join others who already enjoy the benefits of smoke free buildings.

Please visit the below websites to find tools for landlords and easy to use resources to aid in making your building smoke free.

www.nyctsmokefree.org

www.smokefreeapartments.org

Respectfully,
