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Governor

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State Health Commissioner

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Dear Mr. Fernandez,

I am in receipt of your letter dated April 3, 2009 concerning whether or not there are Indiana rules or statutes requiring consumers to wear shoes or other footwear when entering retail food establishments, such as grocery stores and restaurants. On behalf of the Indiana State Health Commissioner, the answer to this question is that this is not addressed in any rules or statutes that regulate retail food establishments. Indiana Code (IC) 16-42-1 through 4, Indiana Food, Drug & Cosmetic Act, IC 16-42-5, Sanitary Requirements for Food Establishments and Indiana State Department of Health Rule 410 IAC 7-24, Retail Food Establishment Sanitation Requirements, do not regulate in any way the clothing attire or lack thereof, of consumers.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me at 317/233-7360.

Sincerely,

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