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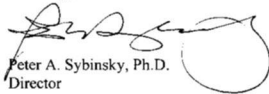
Dear Mr. Blechner:

Thank you for your correspondence to Secretary John M. Colmers regarding footwear for patrons in retail establishments. The Secretary received your correspondence and asked me to respond on his behalf.

There is no requirement in Maryland Code Annotated, Health General, or in the Code of Maryland Regulations 10.15.03: "Food Service Facilities", for patrons of retail food facilities to wear shoes or other footwear.

Thank you again for your correspondence. The Secretary appreciates hearing from you and, on his behalf, I thank you for your concern on this health issue. If you have further questions, please call Ms. Linda Faggio, Section Head, Division of Food Processing at, (410) 767-8414

Sincerely,



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Director

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