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Dear Mr. Rupprecht:

This letter serves as a follow-up to your recent inquiry to Dr. Terry Dwelle, North Dakota's State Health Officer. In that letter, you inquired whether or not our state had any laws or regulations dealing with the requirement for the wearing of shoes or other footwear by patrons in a food establishment. Our state food code regulations are modeled after the federal FDA model food code regulations. And as such, there is no requirement for patrons on the wearing of footwear. The requirements for dress code (hair restraints, clean clothes, etc) are required for the employees of the facility and not the patrons.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have any further questions, let me know.

Sincerely,

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