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Commissioner

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Dear Mr. Sands:

This is in response to your letter of July 13, 2010 to Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services Matthew Lohr, concerning patrons of retail food establishments wearing footwear.

The food safety laws and regulations enforced by the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services do not require patrons of grocery stores, convenience stores, or other retail food establishments to wear shoes or other footwear.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan W. Davis".

Ryan W. Davis
Program Manager
Office of Dairy and Foods

cc: Matthew J. Lohr, Commissioner
R.D. Saunders, Deputy Director, Division of Animal and Food Industry Services