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Dear Mr. Ellenbecer:

Your letter to Secretary Selecky has been assigned to me for reply. I am sorry it took so long to answer, but I have been moving from one office to another so things have been disrupted for me.

In answer to your question about if any health department laws or regulations require the wearing of shoes by customers in retail grocery stores or restaurants, you are correct. No laws or regulations exist in Washington State that address this issue. However that does not necessarily mean that you will be welcomed by all stores or restaurants, even with this letter. I hope it helps clarify the issue for you.

Good luck with your new job and welcome to rainy summertime. I hope this letter is forwarded to you successfully. If you have further questions about food service regulations, please call me at (360) 236-3071, E-mail at {CAB0303@doh.wa.gov} or regular mail to the above address.

Sincerely,

Bert Bartleson
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