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JON S. CORZINE
Governor

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Commissioner

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RE: Customer foot ware requirement in restaurants and food stores

Dear Mr. Blechner:

In regard to the above referenced matter, there is no state or federal law that requires a patron of a restaurant or other retail food establishment to wear shoes or other foot ware when entering the facility. However, restaurants and other food stores may develop a policy that patrons are required to wear shoes, and this policy should be clearly posted.

If you have any questions in regard to this matter, feel free to contact my office at (609) 588-3123.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter J. DeTroia".

Peter J. DeTroia
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