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RE: Footwear in Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Sands:

Please accept my sincere apology for any disrespect contained in my April 16, 2012 letter. Any inference about your behavior was unintended, and I apologize if I offended you.

The intent of my previous correspondence was to inform you that there are no regulations, codes, laws or any other specific requirements that a customer or patron of a business must wear shoes or other footwear while inside restaurants, grocery stores, convenience stores, or other business under the jurisdiction of the Rhode Island Health Department.

I invite you to enjoy Rhode Island and hope you'll visit us again soon.

Sincerely,


Michael Fine, MD