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RE: Letters dated May 10, 2017 and August 9, 2017

Dear Mr. Sands:

We have received your letters with your inquiry regarding New Mexico Environment Department rules and regulations. The food regulations under the purview of the New Mexico Environment Department do not require patrons to wear shoes in permitted food establishments. It is, as you know up to each individual store or restaurant to create and enforce their own dress policy as they see fit. We appreciate your inquiry and hope you continue visiting our State.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Butch Tongate".

Butch Tongate
Cabinet Secretary
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