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STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

DR. TIM BORING
DIRECTOR

January 28, 2025

Dear Mr. Sands,

Your letter to Director Tim Boring inquiring about laws, codes, or regulations requiring *customers* or *patrons* to wear shoes or other footwear in restaurants, grocery stores, convenience stores, or any other type of business we might regulate was referred to my office for a response. There is no Michigan statute or rule, either in the Michigan Food Law, Public Health Code, or the Food Code that requires patrons of licensed food establishments to wear shoes, socks, or sandals.

If you have further questions or require additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to give me a call at (517) 614-0149.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Bonsky

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