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Secretary of Agriculture

Mr. Samuel Hayes, Secretary  
PA Department of Agriculture  
Room 211 - Agriculture Building  
2301 N. Cameron Street  
Harrisburg PA 17110

SUBJECT: Food Employee Certification

Dear Secretary Hayes:

Since the June 21, 1997 edition of the "Pennsylvania Bulletin" was published containing proposed regulations for Food Employee Certification, we have received a number of constituent contacts regarding this issue. Its my understanding that the Department has already received from various groups involved in food handling, suggestions for changes to these proposed regulations. Therefore, I will not repeat the suggestions. I would urge the Department to move expeditiously, however. For food service employees trying to comply with existing and proposed regulations, in addition to taking training, there is a great deal of uncertainty. By adopting final form regulations quickly we can ensure that the training and its time and cost is accomplished correctly the first time. We appreciate the Department's efforts.

Sincerely,

David J. Steil  
Representative 31<sup>st</sup> Legislative District

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