



# Maricopa County

Environmental Services Department

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Brenda Bacon  
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Re: Letter of Support

Dear Ms. Bacon,

The Maricopa County Environmental Services Department is pleased to support and encourage the adoption the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's model Food Code by retail food regulatory programs. Benefits of unified adherence to the current model FDA Food Code by retail food regulatory entities include:

- Reduction of complexity and better ensures compliance, affording small and medium sized business the opportunity to expand across borders without worry about "different rules";
- Empowerment of industry through jurisdictional reciprocity by enhancing the whole of our food safety network;
- Elimination of redundant processes for establishing food safety criteria; and
- Establishment of a more standardized approach to inspections and audits of food establishments.

Staying current with the Food Code is the choice to embrace the best scientific practice available as the tools to serve our mission of protecting our communities from foodborne illness that can potentially cause devastating health consequences and financial losses.

The Maricopa County Environmental Services Department encourages retail food regulatory organizations to join us in these efforts in supporting the adoption of the model FDA Food Code and participation in the Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Darcy Kober".

Darcy Kober  
Director