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Mr. Larry Michael, Section Chief  
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Dear Mr. Michael:

In 2010, the Wake County Board of Human Services supported the adoption of food safety rules based on the 2009 FDA Food Code. Wake County conducted risk factor studies before and after the state adopted the Code in 2012. The study data show significant reduction in observations of each of the CDC risk factors that contribute to foodborne illness:

Observations of Risk Factors IN compliance	Average	
	2010	2015
Approved Food Source	95%	96%
Final Cook Temperatures	91%	94%
Improper Holding / Time and Temperature	57%	66%
Contamination	87%	88%
Personal Hygiene	82%	90%

The FDA Food Code is based on the latest food science and is updated every four years through a rigorous process that involves diverse stakeholders. The Wake County Board of Human Services supports keeping the food safety rules current with the latest FDA Food Code, by allowing the state to adopt the Code by reference with subsequent editions and amendments. This will ensure that Wake County has the regulatory foundation to protect the public health of its citizens.

Sincerely,

Dr. James Smith, III, Chair  
Wake County Human Services Board