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TCEH

Dear Sir or Madam:

My name is David Bell, and I am here as a representative of Cornell University on the topic of Temporary Food Service Permits.

The university's main concern of the proposed changes, is the dramatic impact it will have specifically on the university's diverse multicultural group(s) budgets.

A "complex menu" event that occurs on campus are most often associated with international groups. As such, it may be felt as targeted to specific ethnic groups. These groups feel that they cannot always obtain culturally authentic foods from the local vendor market, when menu authenticity is required.

At Cornell University, we are proposing that we start by developing the training and supervision needed for the few events that do require a complex menu which they choose to produce themselves.

As such, we can continue to extend the same privileges to our culturally diverse population, (without undo fiscal hardship) as that felt by any other organization on campus. In this case the fee would continue to be waived. As budgets for student events are not provided by Cornell, a \$150.00 fee is a dramatic jump from "waived" for a student organizations. It still may require TCEH to show up at the event service time for inspection but any pre-event education or training can be done on campus.

Cornell's ability and experience to oversee the few complex menu events that are held on campus, would also alleviate the extra efforts by the Board of Health. At Cornell, we will add this menu review to our existing event process to review and oversee which will not affect the fees that TCEH will collect.

Best Regards,

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Attachment 1

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