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Request for Variance – Approved

Dear Ms. Palmer:

Thank you for submitting a Request for Variance for extended Time as a Public Health Control (TPHC) of Papa John's Pizza Sauce to the North Carolina Variance Committee. **This request is intended to allow all North Carolina stores to hold pizza sauce at ambient (room) temperature up to 10 hours.** This extended TPHC goes beyond what is allowed in North Carolina Food Code, Paragraph 3-501.19. The submitted challenge study has been reviewed and approved.

This variance approval is based on the following criteria:

- The following location(s) in North Carolina:

**All permitted Papa John's stores in North Carolina  
Delaware North at Bank of America Stadium; 800 S Mint St;  
Charlotte, NC 28202**

- Food items included in this approval are:

**Papa John's Pizza Sauce**

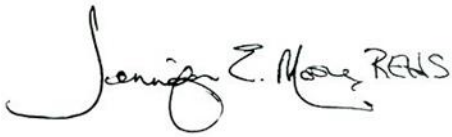
- The foods shall be handled in accordance with the approved challenge study.
- The Committee shall be notified if there are any changes in the product or manufacturing process that may affect the accuracy of the challenge study data.

- A copy of this approval letter must be kept in the establishment and available for review by the regulatory authority.
- This variance approval may be revoked for failure to follow the approved process or if recurring violations are documented on inspection reports.

During routine inspections, the regulatory authority will verify this approval is being followed per the written procedures and the person in charge has active managerial control over the processes.

If you have any questions, please contact your local health department's Environmental Health Section for assistance. You may also contact me via email at [ncvariancecommittee@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:ncvariancecommittee@dhhs.nc.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer E. Moore REHS". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the initials "REHS" written in a slightly different style at the end.

Jennifer Moore  
Chair, NC Variance Committee  
DHHS/DPH Food Protection and Facilities Program

cc. FPB Regional Staff  
Variance Committee