



*Breastfeeding  
Coalition of  
South Central  
Wisconsin*

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To the owners and managers of Grampa's Pizzeria:

The Breastfeeding Coalition of South Central Wisconsin was dismayed to learn of a recent incident in which a customer was asked to move or leave because she was nursing her child. As you'll learn by reading the enclosed copy of the *Wisconsin Restaurant Association News* (dated 12/20/2012), the Wisconsin Right to Breastfeed Act was signed into law by Governor Jim Doyle on March 10, 2010.

This law clarifies that:

"253.16 Right to breast-feed. A mother may breastfeed her child in any public or private location where the mother and child are otherwise authorized to be. In such a location, no person may prohibit a mother from breastfeeding her child, direct a mother to move to another location to breastfeed her child, direct a mother to cover her child or breast while breastfeeding, or otherwise restrict a mother from breastfeeding."

The Wisconsin Restaurant Association goes on to recommend that if another client complains that a mother is breastfeeding it is the complaining client who should be moved and that the server's role is "to protect the woman and baby's civil rights by offering guidance and information to the complainant."

The majority of restaurants in Madison are great supporters of the civil rights of mothers and babes to breastfeed. Recently, a server at Fong's restaurant in Des Moines, Iowa went above and beyond these routine recommendations and actually paid for the meal a nursing mother ordered in order to show support of breastfeeding. We hope the employees at your restaurant can learn from this fine example!

We wish you success in your new business endeavor and hope that Grampa's Pizzeria can become known as a restaurant that welcomes breastfeeding families!  
Sincerely,

Alice Meyer, President, on behalf of The Breastfeeding Coalition of South Central Wisconsin

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