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Facilities & Operation Committee and
Tony Cook, Secretary of the Senate

Dear Committee Members and Tony,

We are writing to let you know that we are not happy with the current plans for members dining
arrangements for the next couple of sessions while we are dislodged from our beloved capitol
building.

It is our understanding that all members, House and Senate, are expected to dine together in a
rather small crowded dining room in the former state library building. THIS IS
UNACCEPTABLE.

We as members of the Senate, have come to look forward to the quality food prepared by Jean
Pierre and Kerri, as well as the quiet comradery of our fellow Senators in a private setting.

We write to strongly urge you to alter your current plan to make accommodation for Jean Pierre
and Kerri to continue to feed us and to be able to do it in a quiet, private area on campus reserved
for Senators.

What has made the Senate dining room especially desirable is the ability to bring guests and to
pay as you go. Those attributes are of great value to us. We have no desire to relinquish them. It
is critical that we maintain them.

In any event, we want you to know that eating lunch in a joint dining room with the House is an
unacceptable alternative.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signatures of Don Benton, Greg Kuykendall, and another member.

Committees: Labor, Commerce, & Financial Institutions • Transportation, Ranking Republican

List of handwritten signatures of various senators including Jeanne Kohl-Welles, Alex Deccio, Bob McCash, Adam Klue, etc.