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To the Editor:

After many months of malls being closed, most businesses within them have been allowed to open again. As a food service provider, we were pleased to re-start our counter operation at the Poughkeepsie Galleria Mall food court. Unfortunately, the mall's food court common seating area is still closed.

This is unfair to us and our patrons, who have resorted to sitting on the floor, eating while walking and or using other surfaces to eat what they have bought. Our seating areas could be operated at reduced capacity (50%), just like freestanding cafes and restaurants elsewhere in the mall and outside in our community. In fact, the air quality at our food court is probably safer than most other food establishments, since the mall's HVAC system was upgraded to meet the State's new standards.

As our public officials advocate for fair treatment of food court businesses that create jobs and support our economy, please support them.

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