

From: Tina Hervey On Behalf Of John Ashcroft  
Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2007 4:00 PM  
To: Tina Hervey  
Subject: Pizza, Soda and Me (canceled) ...

All,

As you know, I care deeply about integrity because it is at the core of all human relationships. Integrity undergirds the trust the public must have in their government. Little did I realize that our sharing of a pizza and soft drinks might erode the high levels of integrity we worked so diligently to engender at the Department of Justice.

I do not believe for a second that your integrity could be compromised for a piece of pizza. Yet no fellowship over lunch could possibly be worth the sacrifice of any public confidence in the justice community.

Since I care about you, I do not wish to place you in the uncomfortable or awkward position of explaining the circumstances under which you ate pizza with me. As a result, I have canceled the pizza lunch scheduled for tomorrow, including for those of us who work in private sector business. Going back to my traditional brown bag lunch will not be too much of a challenge for me.

Thanks for your friendship to me and your devoted service to America.

JDA

<http://www.usnews.com/usnews/news/articles/070226/26pizza.htm>