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SUBJECT: Partial Batch of Responsive Documents
California Public Records Act (PRA) Request Received November 6, 2025
CDSS Reference No.: R011032-110725

Dear David Burger:

This letter is in response to the California Public Records Act (PRA) Request received by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) on November 6, 2025, seeking the following documents:

I am requesting access to records concerning your agency's reporting of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) data to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service (USDA-FNS) during FY 2024 and FY 2025. Specifically, I request copies of any and all records, emails, memoranda, meeting notes, or correspondence related to the following:

- 1. ****Internal deliberations, directives, or memoranda**** that informed the agency's decision not to provide or to delay providing SNAP program data to USDA-FNS during FY 2024–FY 2025.*
- 2. ****Communications between your agency and external offices****, including the Governor's Office, other state SNAP administrators, national policy groups, or federal officials, regarding SNAP data submissions or "data cleanup" initiatives.*
- 3. ****Any coordination, consultation, or guidance**** received from USDA, HHS, or federal political offices concerning data reporting, audits, or temporary suspensions of data transfer.*
- 4. ****Documents citing statutory, procedural, or political rationale**** for withholding or modifying the reporting of SNAP participation data.
****Impact assessments or internal analyses**** discussing how the data non-submission affected eligibility verification, funding, or public access to program information. Please also include any policy materials referencing "data audits," "data integrity reviews," or "cleanup campaigns" related to SNAP records since October 2023.*

*****This request seeks only administrative and policy records — no personally***

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*identifiable recipient data.** If portions of this request are denied, please cite the specific exemption(s) claimed and provide the non-exempt portions.*

Documents that are not exempt from disclosure and are responsive to your request are available [via this link](#). To access, you will need to complete a multi-factor authentication which will allow you access to the CDSS SharePoint tenant. You will also receive a separate email inviting you to the CDSS SharePoint tenant.

The CDSS is continuing to review additional potentially responsive documents. It is anticipated CDSS will complete and provide another supplementary response on or about April 6, 2026. The CDSS will continue providing supplemental batches of documents until CDSS is fully responsive to your request.

If you have any questions, you may reach the Public Affairs and Outreach Programs office at (916) 657-2268, or via email at Shannon.albers@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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