

Public Records Request Under Massachusetts Public Records Law (M.G.L. c. 66, § 10) Public Records Law

Dear Records Officer:

Pursuant to Massachusetts Public Records Law (M.G.L. c. 66, § 10), I request copies of the following records:

I. USDA Data Demands (May-August 2025)

1. All communications between Massachusetts and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service regarding requests for SNAP participant data, including:
 - Letters dated May 6, July 9, July 23, or July 25, 2025
 - State responses, refusals, or requests for data security protocols
 - Internal memos analyzing USDA requests
2. All communications with EBT payment processors (FIS, Conduent, or others) regarding USDA data requests, including any processor notifications similar to FIS's May 9, 2025 letter

II. Federal Funding Threats

3. All communications from USDA regarding:
 - Threatened suspension or disallowance of federal SNAP administrative funds
 - "Advance warning" or "formal warning" letters under 7 CFR 276.4
 - Penalty calculations or financial impact estimates
 - Deadlines for compliance (particularly July 30, Aug 15, or Aug 19, 2025)

III. Multi-State Coordination

4. Communications with other states or attorneys general regarding:
 - Coordinated responses to USDA data demands
 - The California et al. v. USDA lawsuit (N.D. Cal. 3:25-6310)
 - The July 18, 2025 multi-state AG letter opposing USDA's SORN

IV. State's Own Fraud Data

5. Massachusetts internal audits or reports on:
 - Deceased SNAP recipients (Jan 2020-present)
 - Duplicate enrollments
 - Comparison to USDA's claimed 186,000 deceased/500,000 duplicate findings

V. Data Security Protocols

6. Any data sharing agreements, security protocols, or MOUs proposed or executed with USDA per 7 USC 2020(a)(3)(B)

TIME FRAME: January 1, 2025 to present

FORMAT: Electronic (PDF or native format preferred)

FEE WAIVER: Requested. This is a news-gathering request for True Signal Media's investigation into federal-state relations, SNAP program integrity, and government accountability. The information concerns active litigation between 21 states and USDA over data demands and federal funding threats.

EXPEDITED PROCESSING: Requested due to:

- Active litigation affecting current government operations
- Federal threats to withhold funding from multiple states
- Widespread public interest in SNAP fraud claims and privacy protections