August 25, 2026

Tony Catone, Director
South Carolina Department of Social Services
1535 Confederate Avenue
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Director Catone:

As we have shared previously, USDA Office of General Counsel and the Department of Justice continue to review and analyze the recent court order that vacated the Food and Nutrition Administration's (FNA) Food Restriction Waiver approvals for Colorado, Iowa, Nebraska, Tennessee, and West Virginia [Aragon et al. v. Rollins et al., 1:26-cv-00861 (D.D.C.)].

To demonstrate FNA's commitment to transparency, FNA will post a public notice in the Federal Register concerning South Carolina's Food Restriction Waiver at least 30 days prior to implementation.

FNA therefore asks South Carolina to delay its project start date to November 1, 2026, so that FNA can issue a notice in the Federal Register and assess public comments prior to project implementation. We appreciate the significance of this request as you will need to communicate these changes to key stakeholders, including retailers and SNAP recipients, in your State.

We thank you and your team for all effort you have put into this project to date and appreciate your continued partnership as we move toward implementation.

Sincerely,

Shiela Corley
Acting Administrator
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U.S. Department of Agriculture

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