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The Honorable Dannel P. Malloy
Governor of Connecticut
Office of the Governor
State Capitol
210 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Dear Governor Malloy:

Congratulations! This letter is to inform you that Connecticut will receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) bonuses for both highest Application Processing Timeliness (APT) and Program Access Index (PAI) totaling \$2,378,310. The breakdown of your awards is as follows:

Connecticut is among the six States with the highest percent of timely processed SNAP applications during FY 2017. Connecticut's APT rate for FY 2017 was 97.95 percent. For this, Connecticut will receive \$754,359. Connecticut is also among the States with the highest PAI for calendar year (CY) 2017. Connecticut's PAI for CY 2017 was 92.13 percent. For this, Connecticut will receive \$767,331.

The PAI is a ratio calculated by taking the number of SNAP participants reported by the State and dividing it by the estimated eligible people in the State. The estimate is based on Census data using 125 percent of the Federal Poverty Level. This estimate does not exactly conform to SNAP eligibility requirements. Therefore, occasionally, the resulting PAI may be greater than 100 percent. This does not imply more than the number of eligible people participate in SNAP.

We are also announcing awards for APT in FY 2016 at this time. We are happy to inform you that in FY 2016, Connecticut was among the six States with the highest APT and will receive a bonus in the amount of \$856,620. Connecticut's APT rate for FY 2016 was 97.52 percent.

APT is an important and highly visible aspect of customer service within the program. SNAP regulations require that applications be processed within 30 days for standard applications, or 7 days for applications entitled to expedited service. APT is the measure that captures a State's compliance with these requirements.

Section 16(d)(5) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended (see 7 U.S.C. 2025(d)(5)) requires that State agencies may use bonus funds only for SNAP-related expenses, such as investments in technology, improvements in administration and distribution, and actions to prevent fraud, waste, and abuse. FNS encourages States to use this bonus to improve program administration, particularly in the area of program integrity.

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Reinvesting bonus funds for integrity initiatives provides a return on valuable investments and supports our priority to ensure that SNAP is administered efficiently, effectively and with the utmost integrity.

Thank you for your continued efforts to effectively administer this vital nutrition assistance program.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brandon Lipps". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'B'.

Brandon Lipps
Acting Under Secretary
Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services