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Kirk Hassel, Director  
United States Department of Agriculture  
Food and Nutrition Service  
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Boston, MA 02222

RE: USDA/FNS Letter dated April 1, 2019

Dear Director Hassel:

The Rhode Island Department of Human Services has reviewed the identified unallowable legal costs indicated in the FMR Report issued on August 21, 2018 and in your letter of April 1, 2019. The Department has determined that an amount of \$95,112.27 was identified as unallowable costs, as noted in your letter, between the dates of October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2018 and associated with the UHIP eligibility system.

FFY	State	Federal	Total
2017	66,330.97	66,330.96	132,661.93
2018	28,781.31	28,781.31	57,562.62
	95,112.28	95,112.27	190,224.55

More specifically, the above table reflects that the final disallowed costs are \$66,330.96 for FFY2017 and \$28,791.31 for FFY2018, totaling \$95,112.27, as shown above. As a result, the Department will amend its FFY2017 778 Report and its FFY2018 778 Report to reflect the corrected expenditures within fourteen days of written approval from FNS for the stated amounts.

In accordance with your April 1, 2019 letter and as a corrective action plan, Rhode Island DHS is requesting permission to have these disallowed funds reinvested into the Department's current agreement with the Public Consultant Group (PCG) Business Process Redesign contract. Permitting the reinvestment of these funds into the PCG contract further continues the work to improve timeliness and accuracy surrounding the issuance of Rhode Island SNAP benefits.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your time and attention to these matters.

Sincerely,



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Director, RI Department of Human Services

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