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U.S. Department of Agriculture
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1400 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20250-9203

**State of Rhode Island,
Department of Human Services,
Appellant**

v.

**U.S. Department of Agriculture,
Food and Nutrition Service,
Appellee**

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Pursuant to Section 16(c)(D)(i) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (“Act”), please consider this Notice of Appeal as an appeal made on behalf of the State of Rhode Island, Department of Human Services (“DHS”) from the Quality Control (“QC”) liability claim issued in the amount of \$50,000 or more by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (“USDA”), Food and Nutrition Services (“FNS”) for the Federal Fiscal Year (“FFY”) 2018 .

On or about July 30, 2019, DHS was in receipt of the FNS letter and Bill for Collection dated July 30, 2019, assigning the QC error rate of 13.81 percent to Rhode Island for FFY 2018 pursuant to Section 16(c)(4) of the Act and establishing a liability amount of \$2,022,683.00 against Rhode Island for FFY 2018, which covers the period of October 1, 2017 through

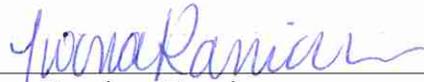
September 30, 2018. Attached please find a copy of the Bill for Collection, dated July 30, 2019, which constitutes the basis for the filing of this appeal.

Pursuant to Section 16(c)(D)(ii) of the Act, Appellant, DHS, will submit evidence in support of this appeal not later than 60 days after receiving a notice of the claim or liability amount. DHS received notice of the claim and liability amount on or about July 30, 2019, thereby making the appeal petition due on or before September 30, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND,
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 8th day of **August 2019**, I sent a copy of the foregoing Notice of Appeal by UPS 2nd Day Air to **Brandon Lipps, Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service, Park Office Center, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302** and by e-mail to the following:

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BILL FOR COLLECTION

USDA-FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE
3101 Park Center Drive
Alexandria, VA 22302

Date: **JUL 30 2019**

Payer: Ms. Courtney Hawkins
Director
State of Rhode Island
Department of Human Services
Louis Pasteur Building
25 Howard Avenue
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Symbol	Description	Total Amount
121099	FY18 QC LIABILITY	\$2,022,683.00

Make check payable to: USDA - FNS - HQ

Please send payment to: USDA - FNS - HQ
P.O. Box 979027
St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

Payment is due within 30 days of the date of this bill. Interest at 1.0% per annum, computed monthly, will be charged on the unpaid balance, and will accrue from the date of this bill. However, interest charges will be waived on the debt or any portion of the debt paid within 30 days of the original billing.

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Director
State of Rhode Island
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