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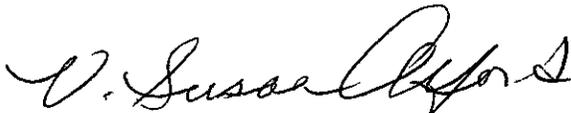
Dear Mr. Maley:

The South Carolina Department of Social Services (DSS) respectfully submits the following response to the *Review of Managing the Fraud Risk in the Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP), Administered by the Department of Social Services* which was provided to the Department in Draft form on October 19, 2016.

The Department concurs with the Office of the State Inspector General's observations and findings as presented in the report, as well as the recommendations regarding auditable narrative of disaster events and precisely defining geographical boundaries. As noted in the report, DSS was operating in the aftermath of a disaster. The Agency's goal was to disburse needed benefits to citizens in an expedient manner while complying with Federal guidelines. However, DSS will continue to identify and implement procedural improvements in the event of future disasters.

If you have any questions, please contact Anthony Sellers, Inspector General for DSS, at (803) 898-1755 or anthony.sellers@dss.sc.gov.

Sincerely,



V. Susan Alford, Director
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