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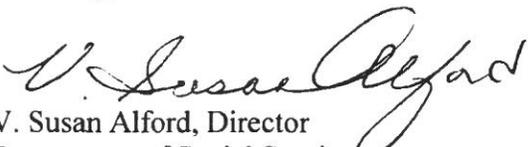
Dear Mr. Maley:

The South Carolina Department of Social Services (DSS) respectfully submits the following response to the *Review of Preventative Controls for Fraud, Waste and Abuse in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Department of Social Services* which was provided to the Department in Draft form on June 21, 2016.

The Department concurs with the Office of Inspector General's observations and findings as presented in the report, as well as the recommendations regarding precertification reviews and the use of increased automation and analytics. As noted in the report, requesting additional resources for this area is not likely to be an immediate priority in the agency's strategic plan for 2016-2018. However, DSS will continue to identify and implement program improvements within existing resource levels.

If you have any questions, please contact Johnny Strait, Director of the DSS Internal Audit Division, at (803) 898-7458 or johnny.strait@dss.sc.gov.

Sincerely,


V. Susan Alford, Director
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