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Dear Mr. Baloga:

The following is information that you can share with your organization regarding the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefit distribution for March 2019.

As you are aware, the recent Federal shutdown resulted in the issuance of February SNAP benefits to eligible Pennsylvania recipients in mid-January. There have been numerous subsequent impacts not only for our clients, but also the merchants who serve the citizens of the Commonwealth.

Pennsylvania will resume the regular SNAP distribution schedule beginning with March 2019 benefits. Benefit distribution will begin March 1st and continue, as scheduled, through March 14th. As such, SNAP recipients will receive their benefits according to the scheduled distribution cycle for their county of residence.

The Office of Income Maintenance (OIM) appreciates all that the Pennsylvania Food Merchants Association has done to serve the vulnerable citizens of Pennsylvania through this situation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa M. Watson".

Lisa M. Watson
Deputy Secretary