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Dear Ms. Brown:

I am writing regarding Mustafa El Shabazz Bey v. South Carolina Department of Social Services, ALC Docket No. 25-ALJ-18-0423-AP, which is now pending on appeal before the South Carolina Court of Appeals.

For purposes of preparing the appellate record and addressing the issues presented in my appeal, I respectfully request a complete copy of the South Carolina DSS administrative record underlying the November 2025 agency determination and subsequent proceedings.

Please provide, to the extent maintained by DSS or the Office of Administrative Hearings:

1. The complete November 2025 Final Decision underlying my SNAP/EBT disqualification, including all pages and attachments;
2. The original Notice of Administrative Disqualification Hearing and any amended or subsequent hearing notices;
3. All documents showing when, where, and how the hearing notice was mailed or served, including mailing records, returned mail, address records, certificates of service, or other proof of delivery or attempted delivery;
4. The complete administrative hearing record, including pleadings, exhibits, evidence, hearing notes, recordings or transcripts, and other materials considered by the hearing officer;
5. All documents concerning the resulting 12-month SNAP Intentional Program Violation/disqualification, including the disqualification notice and information transmitted to the USDA Electronic Disqualified Recipient System (eDRS);
6. The complete Record on Appeal filed by DSS with the South Carolina Administrative Law Court on or about April 8, 2026;
7. A copy of the record or case materials that DSS subsequently determined had been incorrectly filed in connection with ALC Docket No. 25-ALJ-18-0423-AP;
8. The correct administrative record that should have been associated with and/or transmitted in connection with my appeal;
9. DSS's August 18, 2026 correspondence or filing concerning the Record on Appeal and service of the Notice of Appeal; and
10. Any other documents maintained by DSS that constitute the administrative record underlying the agency decision challenged in this proceeding.

For identification purposes, the USDA/eDRS materials presently available to me reflect South Carolina State Reference No. 02845944, a November 5, 2025 decision date, a December 1, 2025 start date, and a 12-month penalty period. The records may also contain my former legal name.

This request is particularly important because the August 20, 2026 Order of Dismissal entered

by the Administrative Law Court indicates that DSS advised the Court that the Record on Appeal previously submitted was associated with an incorrect underlying matter.

Please provide the requested records electronically by replying to this email with the documents attached or by providing instructions for obtaining them.

If DSS contends that any requested document cannot be produced, please identify the document or category withheld and the reason it cannot be provided.

Because these materials relate to a currently pending appeal, I respectfully request that this matter be handled as promptly as practicable.

Thank you for your assistance.

Respectfully,

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