

January 5, 2016

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Re: Snap Benefits for David C. Scott, Case # 02041752

Dear Governor Haley:

I am writing on behalf of a young man, David C. Scott. David was born in Florida and moved to South Carolina at age 7. He was adopted by his grandparents, Larry and Nancy Scott, at age 4. His mother was having her parental rights severed due to alcohol and drug additions. His mother did not name a father on the birth certificate, so this information remains unknown. His mother took her own life in 2015. David was turned over to the Department of Social Services (DSS) at age 12 as his grandparents could not deal with a teenager. David remained in DSS custody until the spring of 2014. He was 19 when he was released from DSS custody. He returned to his grandparents' home for several weeks and then was evicted. He lived on the streets and with friends for several weeks, before coming to live with me. David is a friend of my granddaughter. When he arrived I found out he had not finished high school. I took him in and spoke with the teachers and counselors. David graduated in May 2015. He was receiving SNAP Benefits during this time.

This fall David started at Central Carolina Technology College. He is working toward a welding certification. I have allowed David to live with me and have not charged his room and board. He was denied his SNAP benefits in July as he was in college and did not have a job and no living expenses. David reapplied in November 2015. He has a part-time job at the Dollar General. He is, with my assistance, purchasing a 2005 Chevrolet Classic car. This and insurance are \$257.90 per month. Starting January 2, 2016, he is now getting \$16.00/month in SNAP Benefits. As soon as the holidays were over his hours at the Dollar General were cut to 9-15 hours per week. This is barely enough to cover the car and insurance, which he needs to get to school and his job.

Governor Haley, I am a retired 64 year old woman. I get Social Security and a pension which covers my bills and living expenses. However my retirement was not based on having a 20 year old male that can eat three times what I eat. I am willing to open my home and help this one person to hopefully have a productive adult life and be able to support himself and a family if he so desires. I cannot assist all the needy children in Kershaw County, but if I can help one doesn't that mean something? However my retirement income is struggling trying to support both of us. Assistance with food would go a long way in making my retirement funds go further. I would hate to put David out on the street, but I cannot afford to continue without some type of assistance.

Surely there is some way to reinstate his full SNAP Benefits until he finishes school and finds work. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,


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