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Subject: Food Stamps

I am writing to request that Food Stamp Assistance Payments under the Department of Social Services be removed from Part IA of the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Fiscal Year Governor's Executive Budget and that you support with our recommendation to the Comptroller General that the corresponding state account be classified as non-appropriated. In addition, and in the interest of transparency, I further request that these funds be alternately accounted for in a recapitulation or revenue summary elsewhere in the recommended act. Your guidance on the most appropriate manner to account for and present these revenues outside of the Department of Social Services section would be appreciated.

As you know, Eligibility determination for benefits under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is a state function funded in the Department of Social Services part IA Appropriation, II.E.1. Food Stamp Program Eligibility. This state program is funded separately from II.E.2. Food Stamp Assistance Payments – Case Services. For Fiscal year 2012-13, case service funds represented an estimated \$1,502,802,060 in Federal Expenditures routed directly from the U.S. Treasury to beneficiaries through a private financial intermediary under contract with the state. Appropriation authorization is not required for these funds as they are not received by nor disbursed from our State's Treasury. While the department of Social Services must account for these funds as certified public expenditures for compliance and reporting purposes, appropriating expenditure authorization in the General Appropriations Act is unnecessary and inflates the department's true operating budget with funds it does not directly control.