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The case records have been given to every recorded State or Federal Legislature and sadly the Michigan Civil Rights Commission is using a page directly from the Michigan political playbook reflecting a dangerous lack of proactive leadership especially in this case against the Michigan Department Health and Human Services (MDHHS). Tonya Barry, the Michigan Civil Rights Specialist on March 2016 states, *"They had no jurisdiction. Shepard had an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) assigned to her 2016 food assistance case and was under Michigan Supreme Court Review,"* (MDCR 470969). When *Shepard* had not even requested or scheduled a hearing until June 2, 2016. The case under review by the Michigan Supreme Court is *Shepard's Dec 2013 food assistance case* no. 152574. The Dec 2013 case was also reviewed by Tonya Barry, the Michigan Civil Rights Specialist on March 20, 2014, against the Michigan Department Health and Human Services (MDHHS), referencing (MDCR 457644). This case was quickly denied because the case was allegedly more than 180 days. Obviously not correct and was appealed but nothing was done. An agency's discriminatory practice by the Department of Human Services (MDHHS) to refuse Shepard's emails, mailings or faxes after this agency advertises and gives permission does change procedures and violates the federal rules.

Unmistakably, this issue of allowing termination of food assistance aid without giving the *recipient a chance for a fair review* has significant public interest because more than one in every 10 Michigan veterans lives in a household that receives food assistance including this Appellant and during 2013, more than 737,000 students were eligible for free or reduced price meals at school but only a small portion of these students are fed through Summer Nutrition Programs, leaving them at risk of going hungry, so this case is one against the state using a discriminatory practice a major significance to the state's jurisprudence.

So to believe this case will go away when there are records and documentation proving ongoing interference is just plain stupid. The case records have been also given to every recorded State or Federal Legislature, but shows a continuous pattern of waiting until something bad happens to this citizen and anticipating to comment "*how tragic,*" is truly pitiful.