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To: Adams, ChaneyChaneyAdams@gov.sc.gov
Date: 8/9/2016 2:44:01 PM
Subject: RE: Comment on ABAWDs and food stamps

Great. And it wasn't her fault!!! :) Your call did push me to revise my e-mail, as I still had a couple states to go on my list. So perhaps you saved someone else a headache, even if I created one for you. Cheers.

From: ChaneyAdams@gov.sc.gov At: 08/09/16 14:42:14
To: Alan Bjerga (BLOOMBERG/ WASHINGTON)
Subject: RE: Comment on ABAWDs and food stamps

Karen Wingo the Director of Communications at DSS will be in touch regarding your request.

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From: Alan Bjerga (BLOOMBERG/ WASHINGTON) [mailto:abjerga@bloomberg.net]
Sent: Tuesday, August 09, 2016 1:30 PM
To: Adams, Chaney
Subject: Comment on ABAWDs and food stamps

Hey there -- so, my editor isn't in the office at the moment, but have given him a heads-up.

As far as the call yesterday, I went to the DSS website and went to their News & Publications section, <https://dss.sc.gov/content/about/news/index.aspx>

-- but none of the releases have contacts, at which point I think I just called the general number, (803) 898-7601. Now that I look again, I see that there is "contact DSS" page, which leads to general numbers, which does have a "media calls" number.

But I don't remember finding that yesterday, and the name I do see, Karen Wingo, isn't familiar.

All that aside, here's what's up: I sent you an e-mail. If you're not the right person to send it to and I need to speak to DSS instead, great, I'll talk to DSS. But really, I'm just here to ask questions, not to have my methods or motives investigated by you. Am looking forward to a response.

From: Alan Bjerga (BLOOMBERG/ WASHINGTON) At: 08/08/16 15:50:13

To: chaneyadams@gov.sc.gov

Subject: Comment on ABAWDs and food stamps

Hi Chaney -- I was directed to you as someone I could discuss South Carolina's ending of waivers for able-bodied adults without dependents for an article I'm doing for Bloomberg News. Am wondering how the policy is expected to affect working-age adults on food stamps and what services may be available to recipients who will no longer be eligible and are seeking ways to ensure they can afford food. My story is set to run Wednesday, so a response by midday tomorrow would be ideal. Thanks! Alan Bjerga, Bloomberg News, 202-624-1857.