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Dear Jean Public,

Thank you for your comments in response to the recently published 60-day notice regarding Office of Management and Budget (OMB) collection 0584-0496, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP): State Agency Options for Standard Utility Allowances and Self-Employment Income.

You shared that you believe government spending is out of control and that the government should stop self-employment assistance. Additionally, you shared concerns about able-bodied adults being out of work for long periods of time and that these individuals need to accept available jobs.

We appreciate your comments and the time you took to provide us with your feedback. However, OMB collection 0584-0496 is seeking comments on the following activities: the establishment and adjustment of Standard Utility Allowances by State Agencies, the establishment and adjustment of a self-employment costs methodology by State Agencies, and the recordkeeping burden associated with these State options. These activities do not affect which States and territories receive SNAP benefits, employment assistance, or work requirements for able-bodied adults without dependents.

SNAP notes that it cannot respond to questions on employment assistance, as we are not the agency responsible for employment assistance programs. Additionally, many SNAP requirements, including which States and territories are covered by the program, are established by law and can only be changed through Congressional action. FNS does not have any discretion to implement change in this area. If you would like to share your comments further, we encourage you to contact your Congressional representatives. You can find your Congressional representatives here: <https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials>.

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If you have additional questions regarding Standard Utility Allowances, please contact your State Agency. You can find your State agency contact information at <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/state-directory>.

Thank you again for your observations and comments.

Sincerely,

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