

Dear Ms. Stephens:

Thank you for submitting comments to Federal Register listing FNS-2015-0018-0001, Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposals, Submissions, and Approvals: Food Program and Reporting System on behalf of the Colorado Department of Human Services. This is a response from the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) to your comments regarding burden hours and cost. All other relevant comments are addressed in the Supporting Statement for this Information Collection Request. The Supporting Statement will be publicly available upon approval by the Office of Management and Budget.

Comment: “Our concerns are with the proposed revisions in Section E) Fraud Investigations. The amount of time that would be required to [sic] by counties to compile the (g) Investigation Cost incurred during the reporting period and the time reporting that would be required by counties for (h) Investigation FTE would be a workload concern for our counties.”

FNS Response: FNS removed the proposed investigation cost and investigation FTE elements and replaced it with an element that captures only investigator hours dedicated to SNAP investigations. This more accurately captures the most critical and variable component of both cost and staffing. State agencies currently use this information to calculate investigation unit budgets and SNAP administrative expense reimbursement. Reporting this information will result in minimal burden and is essential to provide context for State investigation data.

Thank you again for your submission,