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November 10, 2022

Delivered via Electronic Mail

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Re: Interim Response for Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request No. 2020-OSEC-03716-F

Dear Mr. Evers:

This is the **fifth interim response** to the above-referenced FOIA request received by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Office of Information Affairs (OIA), FOIA Division. The request sought:

All email communications (including email messages, complete email chains, email attachments, calendar invitations, and calendar invitation attachments) between any of the USDA officials listed below and anyone in the Executive Office of the President (including anyone with an email address ending in eop.gov).

Agency Officials

- a. Sonny Perdue, Secretary of Agriculture, including anyone communicating on his behalf, such as executive assistants, personal assistants, or schedulers
- b. Stephen Censky, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture
- c. Anyone serving in the role of Chief of Staff for the Secretary, including Joby Young
- d. Rebeckah Adcock, Senior Adviser
- e. Miller, Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service
- f. Shiela Corley, Chief of Staff to the Administrator
- g. Brandon Lipps, Deputy Under Secretary, Food and Nutrition Service, and anyone acting on his behalf such as a chief or deputy chief of staff, scheduler, assistant, or advisor;

Please provide all responsive records from January 30, 2020, through the date of the search.

On April 28, 2020, you modified your request by narrowing the listed custodians to “Secretary Perdue, anyone serving in the role of Chief of Staff to the Secretary, including Joby Young, and Senior Advisor Rebeckah Adcock.”

On May 27, 2020, you clarified that you would like to include all agencies within the Executive Office of the President in your request.

On November 30, 2020, this office issued a first interim response in this matter. On March 19, 2021, this office issued a second interim response in this matter. On November 23, 2021, this office issued a third interim response in this matter. On November 9, 2022, this office issued a fourth interim response in this matter.

Your request is being processed under the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552.

A search for responsive records was conducted by the Client Experience Center's (CEC) eComply team. The CEC provides comprehensive, fee-for-service information technology (IT) associated operations, security, and technical support services to USDA end users. The CEC also implements and manages enterprise IT solutions for users Department-wide. The CEC searched the email accounts associated with the custodians mentioned in your modified request. The CEC search located records responsive to your FOIA request. For this fifth interim, the FOIA Division reviewed a total of seventy-nine (79) pages of emails and the accompanying attachments.

The FOIA Division continues to process your request and will issue a final response.

Following a review of the responsive records, the FOIA Division has determined that certain information contained therein should be withheld pursuant to U.S.C. § 552(b)(5) and (6) (FOIA Exemptions 5 and 6). In addition, seventeen (17) pages of attachments have been withheld in their entirety under FOIA Exemption 5. Below is an explanation of the information that has been withheld.

FOIA Exemption 5 - Deliberative

FOIA Exemption 5 protects from disclosure those "inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency." One of the frequently invoked FOIA Exemption 5 privileges is the deliberative process privilege. To fall within FOIA's deliberative process privilege, the records must be both pre-decisional and deliberative; the records must precede the adoption of an agency policy and include the opinions, recommendations, or deliberations on a legal or policy matter.

In this instance, the FOIA Division is withholding, under the deliberative process privilege, pre-decisional intra-agency discussions and briefings on agency actions and programs on issues relating to COVID-19 Meatpacking Guidance, the NOFA/USDA Food Box Distribution Program, the USDA Emergency Commodity Purchase Program, the COVID-19 Farmer Assistance Purchase and Distribution program, SNAP, and other issues related to COVID-19 response. These items are pre-decisional in that they are antecedent to any final agency decision. These items are also deliberative in that they reflect the evolving, back-and-forth process between agency employees that is so integral to the Executive Branch decision-making process; more specifically, the development of potential recommendations made by agency advisors for use in making policy decisions.

If these pre-decisional, deliberative communications were released to the public, USDA and other Executive Branch employees would be much more cautious in their discussions with each other, and in candidly discussing and providing all pertinent information and viewpoints in a

timely manner to agency decision-makers. This lack of candor would also seriously impair the Department's ability to engage in forthright, internal discussions necessary for efficient and proper agency decision-making.

FOIA Exemption 5 – Attorney-Client

The FOIA Division is also withholding information under the attorney-client privilege. This privilege protects confidential communication between an attorney and his/her client relating to a legal matter for which the client has sought professional advice. Although this privilege fundamentally applies to facts divulged by a client to his/her attorney, this privilege also encompasses any opinion given by an attorney to his/her client based upon those facts, as well as communications between attorneys that reflect client supplied information.

In this instance, the FOIA Division is withholding information legal advice provided by the Department's counsel concerning the USDA Emergency Commodity Purchase Program and the SNAP program. These confidential communications are shielded from disclosure in order to encourage open and frank discussions between the Department and its legal advisors. Ensuring the Department receives sound legal advice promotes public policy, and this advice depends on counsel being fully informed. The release of these confidential communications would inhibit the Department's ability to provide pertinent information and would impair the Department's counsel from making well-informed legal decisions.

FOIA Exemption 6

Exemption 6 generally is referred to as the "personal privacy" exemption. It provides that the disclosure requirements of FOIA do not apply to "personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy." Application of the exemption involves balancing the public's interest in disclosure against individuals' privacy interests.

The information withheld under Exemption 6 consists of mobile phone numbers, direct phone numbers, email addresses and telephone numbers belonging to employees of the Executive Office of the President (EOP), and teleconference access codes. This information qualifies as "similar files" because it is information in which individuals have a privacy interest. Moreover, releasing the information could subject the individuals to unwarranted or unsolicited communications, or even harassment. As for the teleconference access code, participants have a privacy interest in ensuring no uninvited individual is listening in on the call. Because there is a viable privacy interest that would be threatened by disclosure, Exemption 6 authorizes this office to withhold the information. Accordingly, we have determined that the public interest in the information's release does not outweigh the overriding privacy interests in keeping it confidential.

You have the right to appeal the OIA's determinations. Due to the need to issue more than one determination in order to fully resolve your request, your appeal rights for all determinations in response to this request will be provided to you in our final response letter.

Austin R. Evers, Executive Director

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You may seek dispute resolution services from the OIA's FOIA Public Liaison, Ms. Melanie Enciso. Ms. Enciso may be contacted by telephone at (202) 720-9462, or electronically at Melanie.Enciso@usda.gov or USDAFOIA@usda.gov.

You also have the option to seek assistance from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). Please visit <https://www.archives.gov/ogis/mediation-program/request-assistance> for information about how to request OGIS assistance in relation to a FOIA request.

If you have any questions regarding the processing of this request, please contact Ms. Susan Ruppel electronically at Susan.Ruppel@usda.gov or USDAFOIA@usda.gov.

For additional information regarding USDA FOIA regulations and processes, please refer to the information available online at [Freedom of Information Act Division | USDA](#).

The OIA appreciates your patience as we continue processing the remainder of your FOIA request.

Sincerely,

Alexis R. Graves

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Director

Office of Information Affairs

Enclosure: Responsive Records (62 pages)

From: [Beck, Nancy B. EOP/OMB](#)
To: [Newsome, Shawna - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Higgins, Cortney J. EOP/OMB](#); [Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Hirsch, Quinn N. EOP/OMB](#); [Rodgers, Meghan - OC, Washington, DC](#); [Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: Draft Statement for Review
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2020 2:06:35 PM

Got it. Thank you!

From: Newsome, Shawna - OSEC, Washington, DC <Shawna.Newsome@usda.gov>
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2020 2:03 PM
To: Beck, Nancy B. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>; Higgins, Cortney J. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>; Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC <joby.young@usda.gov>
Cc: Hirsch, Quinn N. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>; Rodgers, Meghan - OC, Washington, DC <meghan.rodgers@usda.gov>; Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC <campbell.shuford@usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Draft Statement for Review

Yeah, only because it's unnecessary to state that. Establishments have to follow food safety regs and can only operate at a capacity by which they can meet those regs.

Shawna Newsome
Office of Food Safety
Cell: (202) 684-5522

From: Beck, Nancy B. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2020 1:57 PM
To: Newsome, Shawna - OSEC, Washington, DC <Shawna.Newsome@usda.gov>; Higgins, Cortney J. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>; Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC <joby.young@usda.gov>
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Subject: RE: Draft Statement for Review

Shawna:

b(5) DPP

From: Newsome, Shawna - OSEC, Washington, DC <Shawna.Newsome@usda.gov>
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2020 12:07 PM
To: Beck, Nancy B. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>; Higgins, Cortney J. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>; Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC <joby.young@usda.gov>
Cc: Hirsch, Quinn N. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>; Rodgers, Meghan - OC, Washington, DC <meghan.rodgers@usda.gov>; Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC

<campbell.shuford@usda.gov>

Subject: RE: Draft Statement for Review

Hi all – we got word CDC is looking to post today at 3pm and wanted to loop y'all in for final review of statement. After the last round of edits, the statement got a little choppy. Here is the final version. Nothing added, but rearranged the deck chairs a bit. Redline attached.

b(5) DPP

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From: Beck, Nancy B. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>

Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2020 1:20 PM

To: Newsome, Shawna - OSEC, Washington, DC <Shawna.Newsome@usda.gov>; Higgins, Cortney J. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>; Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC <joby.young@usda.gov>

Cc: Hirsch, Quinn N. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>

Subject: RE: Draft Statement for Review

Thanks a million. Still a clarity problem here. See suggested edit: b(5) DPP

I can incorporate it.

Best,
Nancy

From: Newsome, Shawna - OSEC, Washington, DC <Shawna.Newsome@usda.gov>
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2020 1:18 PM
To: Beck, Nancy B. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>; Higgins, Cortney J. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>; Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC <joby.young@usda.gov>
Cc: Hirsch, Quinn N. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>
Subject: RE: Draft Statement for Review

Yes. Here you go!

Should our leadership come back with edits, I will flag for the group.

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From: Beck, Nancy B. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2020 1:15 PM
To: Newsome, Shawna - OSEC, Washington, DC <Shawna.Newsome@usda.gov>; Higgins, Cortney J. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>; Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC <joby.young@usda.gov>
Cc: Hirsch, Quinn N. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>
Subject: RE: Draft Statement for Review

Any chance we can have by 1:30? Or at least an updated version that is nearer to final?
 Thanks!!

From: Newsome, Shawna - OSEC, Washington, DC <Shawna.Newsome@usda.gov>
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2020 12:05 PM
To: Higgins, Cortney J. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>; Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC <joby.young@usda.gov>
Cc: Hirsch, Quinn N. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>; Beck, Nancy B. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>
Subject: Re: Draft Statement for Review

Yes, will do. It's being recirculated internally right now. At this point, all edits were accepted. Will get y'all a final draft ASAP.

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From: Higgins, Cortney J. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2020 12:03:40 PM
To: Newsome, Shawna - OSEC, Washington, DC <Shawna.Newsome@usda.gov>; Young, Joby - OSEC,

Washington, DC <joby.young@usda.gov>

Cc: Hirsch, Quinn N. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>; Beck, Nancy B. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>

Subject: RE: Draft Statement for Review

Hi Shawna and Joby,

Can you send a final draft of the statement to the folks on this email (I've added Nancy)?

Many thanks,

Cortney

From: Newsome, Shawna - OSEC, Washington, DC <Shawna.Newsome@usda.gov>

Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2020 10:14 AM

To: Higgins, Cortney J. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>; Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC <joby.young@usda.gov>

Cc: Hirsch, Quinn N. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>

Subject: RE: Draft Statement for Review

Hi Cortney,

Some really good feedback here. I will edit and re-circulate to our USDA group. Thanks!

Shawna Newsome

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From: Higgins, Cortney J. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>

Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2020 9:57 AM

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Cc: Hirsch, Quinn N. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>

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Regards,

Cortney

From: Newsome, Shawna - OSEC, Washington, DC <Shawna.Newsome@usda.gov>

Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 10:33 PM

To: Beck, Nancy B. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>; Bennett, Elizabeth T. EOP/WHO
<(b) (6)>

Cc: Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC <campbell.shuford@usda.gov>; Young, Joby - OSEC,
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Subject: RE: Draft Statement for Review

Attached for broader review and clearance.

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Sorry for any confusion -- I just learned USDA cleared on **b(5) DPP**. Thanks!

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To: 'shawna.Newsone@usda.gov' <shawna.Newsone@usda.gov>; 'joby.young@usda.gov' <joby.young@usda.gov>
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Regards,
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To: [Newsome, Shawna - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Bennett, Elizabeth T. EOP/WHO](#); [Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: Draft Statement for Review
Date: Friday, April 24, 2020 9:40:09 PM

Sorry for the lack of clarity.. it was a suggestion the budget side has as an addition to the DOL/CDC document. I was thinking out loud that maybe it could go here.

From: Newsome, Shawna - OSEC, Washington, DC <Shawna.Newsome@usda.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 9:32 PM
To: Beck, Nancy B. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>
Cc: Bennett, Elizabeth T. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>; Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC <campbell.shuford@usda.gov>; Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC <joby.young@usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Draft Statement for Review

We will clarify that and plan on linking to the document.

On that note – can you clarify the nursing/funding issue. In the CDC doc it only says:

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But I saw an email earlier saying that said in the task force re-opening guidance for meat industry, this language was included:

b(5) DPP

I am not tracking. Is there another document? Or has this language been removed and it is no longer an issue?

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From: Beck, Nancy B. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>
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To: Newsome, Shawna - OSEC, Washington, DC <Shawna.Newsome@usda.gov>
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Subject: Re: Draft Statement for Review

Seem ok to me. Just need to clarify what is meant by **b(5) DPP**. Also, per a previous budget comment sent to Joby, perhaps could go in this statement: Also, it may be useful to note that **b(5) DPP** |.

Tate??

Nancy

On Apr 24, 2020, at 9:18 PM, Newsome, Shawna - OSEC, Washington, DC
<Shawna.Newsome@usda.gov> wrote:

Good evening,

Below is a draft of the statement that USDA would issue when the CDC/DOL guidance comes out. Please review and let us know if you have any edits or concerns. Thank you!

DRAFT/DELIBERATIVE

b(5) DPP

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Subject: RE: Meatpacking Guidance
Date: Friday, April 24, 2020 3:47:29 PM

USDA friends – please familiarize yourself with the CDC document. I have look at (b)(5) DPP CDC document and (b)(5) DPP USDA document. Much of what is listed in the USDA document is already in the CDC document.

From: Biedermann, Madison A. EOP/OMB <(b)(6)>
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 3:36 PM
To: McGuire, Denzel E. EOP/OMB <(b)(6)>; McCormack, Brian V. EOP/OMB <(b)(6)>; Beck, Nancy B. EOP/OMB <(b)(6)>; Schoen, Ansley M. EOP/OMB <(b)(6)>; Troye, Olivia EOP/NSC <(b)(6)>; Brashears, Mindy - OSEC, Washington, DC <Mindy.Brashears@usda.gov>; Bennett, Elizabeth T. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>; Newsome, Shawna - OSEC, Washington, DC <Shawna.Newsme@usda.gov>; Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC <joby.young@usda.gov>; Hoskins, Dudley - OSEC, Washington, DC <dudley.hoskins@usda.gov>; omc2@cdc.gov; Mondl, Rachel E - OSEC <Mondl.Rachel.E@dol.gov>; 'campbell.shuford@usda.gov' <campbell.shuford@usda.gov>; Delaney, Lisa (CDC/NIOSH/OD) <lkd2@cdc.gov>; Houry, Debra E. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) <vjz7@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: Meatpacking Guidance

Hi all,

Attached are 2 documents that will be discussed on the 5 PM call. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Madi

-----Original Appointment-----

From: Biedermann, Madison A. EOP/OMB **On Behalf Of** McGuire, Denzel E. EOP/OMB
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To: McGuire, Denzel E. EOP/OMB; McCormack, Brian V. EOP/OMB; Beck, Nancy B. EOP/OMB; Biedermann, Madison A. EOP/OMB; Schoen, Ansley M. EOP/OMB; Troye, Olivia EOP/NSC; Brashears, Mindy - OSEC, Washington, DC; Bennett, Elizabeth T. EOP/WHO; Newsome, Shawna - OSEC, Washington, DC; Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC; Hoskins, Dudley - OSEC, Washington, DC; omc2@cdc.gov; Mondl, Rachel E - OSEC; campbell.shuford@usda.gov
Subject: Meatpacking Guidance
When: Friday, April 24, 2020 5:00 PM-5:30 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
Where: (b)(6), (b)(6)

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Subject: RE: Meatpacking Guidance
Date: Friday, April 24, 2020 3:36:25 PM
Attachments: [Guidance for Meatpacking 4 24 20 CDC cleared.docx](#) (b)(5)-Deliberative (13 pages)
[COVIDINDUSTRYGUIDANCE edits.docx](#) (b)(5)-Deliberative (2 pages)

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Subject: Meatpacking Guidance
When: Friday, April 24, 2020 5:00 PM-5:30 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
Where: (b) (6) ,,, (b) (6)

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From: [Greenwald, Elyse F. EOP/OMB](#)
To: [Perry, Andrew - OBPA, Washington, DC](#); [Hirsch, Quinn N. EOP/OMB](#)
Cc: [Higgins, Cortney J. EOP/OMB](#); [ONeill, Stephen - OBPA, Washington, DC](#); [Aguilar, Brenda L. EOP/OMB](#); [Walker, Lorren - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Morris, Erin - AMS](#); [Navarro, Erica - OBPA, Washington, DC](#); [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [LINDEN, RALPH - OGC, Washington D.C.](#)
Subject: RE: (COVID RELATED) ACTION REQUIRED - NOFA USDA Food Box Distribution Program; AMS-CP-20-0040 (High Priority / RUSH)
Date: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 5:04:54 PM

Hi Andrew,

This may be duplicative, but we conclude review on the NOFA.

From: Perry, Andrew - OBPA, Washington, DC <andrew.perry@usda.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 4:44 PM
To: Greenwald, Elyse F. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>; Hirsch, Quinn N. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>
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Subject: RE: (COVID RELATED) ACTION REQUIRED - NOFA USDA Food Box Distribution Program; AMS-CP-20-0040 (High Priority / RUSH)

Hi Elyse,

We have a lot of folks anxious to move this NOFA. May I ask specifically what you need from USDA to clear it?

Please feel free to give me a call at (b) (6) to discuss.

Once more, thanks
 Andrew

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Subject: RE: (COVID RELATED) ACTION REQUIRED - NOFA USDA Food Box Distribution Program; AMS-CP-20-0040 (High Priority / RUSH)
Importance: High

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Subject: RE: (COVID RELATED) ACTION REQUIRED - NOFA USDA Food Box Distribution Program; AMS-CP-20-0040 (High Priority / RUSH)

Hi Andrew,

b(5) DPP . Please let us know when it is published in the OFR.

Thank you!

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Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 2:14 PM
To: Greenwald, Elyse F. EOP/OMB <b(5) (6)>; Hirsch, Quinn N. EOP/OMB <b(5) (6)>
Cc: Higgins, Cortney J. EOP/OMB <b(5) (6)>; O'Neill, Stephen - OBPA, Washington, DC <Stephen.O'Neill@usda.gov>
Subject: RE: (COVID RELATED) ACTION REQUIRED - NOFA USDA Food Box Distribution Program; AMS-CP-20-0040 (High Priority / RUSH)

Hi Elyse,

Any news on this NOFA?

Thanks,
 Andrew

From: Perry, Andrew - OBPA, Washington, DC <andrew.perry@usda.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 10:05 PM
To: Greenwald, Elyse F. EOP/OMB <b(5) (6)>; Hirsch, Quinn N. EOP/OMB <b(5) (6)>
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Subject: Re: (COVID RELATED) ACTION REQUIRED - NOFA USDA Food Box Distribution Program; AMS-CP-20-0040 (High Priority / RUSH)

Yes that is correct.
 Thanks

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Subject: RE: (COVID RELATED) ACTION REQUIRED - NOFA USDA Food Box Distribution Program; AMS-CP-20-0040 (High Priority / RUSH)

Hi Andrew,

Thank you for sending. Can you confirm that no changes were made to the notice?

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Subject: RE: (COVID RELATED) ACTION REQUIRED - NOFA USDA Food Box Distribution Program; AMS-CP-20-0040 (High Priority / RUSH)

Good evening,

Attached is USDA's response to (b)(5) DPP earlier comments.

Thanks
 Andrew

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Elyse Greenwald [\(b\) \(6\)](#); [Hoskins, Dudley - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: USDA Emergency Commodity Purchase Program
Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 5:29:46 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Ruth,

This email chain has been forwarded up to the Secretary's office. As you know I am working on this directly for the Secretary and would appreciate if you please include me on all communication coming to the Department on CFAP. That way I can make sure you are getting the information you are looking for in a timely manner.

To provide some clarity and per Ralph's email at 4:10 p.m., [\(b\)\(5\) DPP](#)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. If you disagree with this assessment of the apportionment exemption language or have other concerns with NOFA, let me know and we can discuss them or elevate the conversation as needed.

Again, please include me on these requests and communications. I will help facilitate the information you need as we work to process both the direct support and purchase portions of CFAP.

I hope this helps provide some clarity to the process that USDA was operating under to move quickly to begin the purchases and distribution portion of CFAP.

Thanks,

Kristi J. Boswell

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From: Tkacz, Kailee - OSEC, Washington, DC <kailee.tkacz@usda.gov>

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 <leslie.barrack@usda.gov>; Greenwald, Elyse F. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>
Subject: RE: USDA Emergency Commodity Purchase Program

+ Elyse Greenwald OIRA

Kailee,

Please understand that OMB has been (b)(5) DPP to facilitate the quick review of the NOFA, as well as confirming the technical details of the budget execution.

(b)(5) DPP

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Subject: RE: USDA Emergency Commodity Purchase Program

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Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 4:08 PM

To: Navarro, Erica - OBPA, Washington, DC <erica.navarro@usda.gov>

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Subject: RE: USDA Emergency Commodity Purchase Program

Erica and others – We would appreciate some immediate communication and clarification on this.

The language (b)(5) DPP

. We are available for a call now if you, or whomever can speak to the rationale on this, can hop on to discuss. Thanks and please advise.

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Subject: RE: USDA Emergency Commodity Purchase Program

Hi Joe

Thanks for reaching out. Section 32 is exempt from apportionment. We already have the warrant from Treasury. I have added the experts if you have further questions. Erica

From: Montoni, Joe E. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 12:33 PM
To: Navarro, Erica - OBPA, Washington, DC <erica.navarro@usda.gov>
Cc: Saunders, Ruth D. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>
Subject: RE: USDA Emergency Commodity Purchase Program

Hi Erica – Just wanted to circle back on this to gauge your thinking on (b)(5) DPP
 I may have missed the apportionment if it's already here, but would appreciate hearing back.

Thanks.

From: Montoni, Joe E. EOP/OMB
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2020 4:38 PM
To: Navarro, Erica - OBPA, Washington, DC <erica.navarro@usda.gov>
Cc: Saunders, Ruth D. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>
Subject: USDA Emergency Commodity Purchase Program

Hi Erica –

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[REDACTED], I wanted to gauge your thoughts on b(5) DPP
[REDACTED]? Given the language and broad authority provided to the Secretary, and precedent for providing emergency assistance through the Office of the Secretary in the past, that seems like a logical place. Lots of moving pieces here, so please let me know what you are thinking.

Happy to discuss if you have any questions.
Joe



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Subject: RE: (COVID RELATED) ACTION REQUIRED - NOFA USDA Food Box Distribution Program; AMS-CP-20-0040 (High Priority / RUSH)
Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 4:46:54 PM

Hi Andrew & colleagues,

I was just added to a separate email chain that includes Leslie Barrack, Erica Navarro and Nicole Pollard from OBPA, along with my RMO colleagues. These two issues are connected. It seems that

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. At the moment, I don't think we need anything else, but I am sure we will be in touch.

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Subject: Re: (COVID RELATED) ACTION REQUIRED - NOFA USDA Food Box Distribution Program; AMS-CP-20-0040 (High Priority / RUSH)

Hi Elyse,

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Please feel free to call me at +1**(b) (6)** to discuss.

Once more, thanks
 Andrew

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Subject: FYSA RE: Confirmed: (DOL/USDA/HHS) Discuss Meatpacking Guidance
Date: Monday, April 20, 2020 6:42:17 PM

FYSA

The United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) International Union announced Sunday it had reached agreement with JBS USA to increase wages for workers by \$4 per hour and further strengthen safety measures in JBS plants.

The UFCW represents more than 250,000 meatpacking and food processing workers across the country and JBS is a leading processor of beef and pork in the United States.

UFCW President Mark Parrone said, “We hope JBS’s leadership sends a message to all other companies — union and non-union. Now, more than ever, it is critical that not only is our food supply protected, but that food processing and meatpacking workers are protected as they perform such an essential role during this health crisis.”

The union said, “As part of this new agreement, JBS announced the following for workers at its plants in Arizona, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah, and Wisconsin:

- “Beginning April 20 and lasting through May 30, JBS employees will receive an additional \$4 an hour in pay increases. This will be in addition to the previously announced \$600 bonus.
- “JBS employees will have access to enhanced personal protection equipment like masks, gloves, and face shields.
- “JBS will be installing plexiglass shields in areas of plants where social distancing is not possible.
- “Expanded cafeterias and breakrooms in JBS plants will allow workers to better practice social distancing.
- “Enhanced cleaning in common areas and plants will further strengthen safety measures.”

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Subject: Confirmed: (DOL/USDA/HHS) Discuss Meatpacking Guidance

When: Monday, April 20, 2020 4:30 PM-5:30 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where: (b) (6) , (b) (6) #

The purpose of this call is to b(5) DPP

Please ensure that your agency's attendees are able to speak and make decisions on behalf of the agency.

From: [McCormack, Brian V. EOP/OMB](#)
To: [Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: just so you have what I shared...
Date: Friday, April 17, 2020 5:44:55 PM

Use... b(5) DPP [REDACTED]

[REDACTED].

Strike... b(5) DPP [REDACTED].

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To: [O'Neill, Stephen - OBPA, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Navarro, Erica - OBPA, Washington, DC](#); [Perry, Andrew - OBPA, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: OIRA Docs for today
Date: Thursday, April 16, 2020 1:26:09 AM

For awareness, I distributed all of these items (including the responses to passback) with a requested response time of 5 PM.

Also, the OIRA Homeland Security Desk Officer and OIRA Leadership have reached out to DHS on the stand alone public charge Q&A.

James

From: O'Neill, Stephen - OBPA, Washington, DC <Stephen.O'Neill@usda.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 5:02 PM
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Subject: FW: OIRA Docs for today

Good afternoon. Attached are today's new submissions from FNS. They are:

- Nationwide Waiver to Allow Offer Versus Serve Flexibilities in the Summer Food Service Program
- Nationwide Waiver of Meal Service Time Restrictions in the Summer Food Service Program and the National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option
- Nationwide Waiver to Allow Area Eligibility for Closed Enrolled Sites in the Summer Food Service Program and the National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option
- Nationwide Waivers for the Summer Food Service Program and National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option
- Nationwide Waiver to Waive First Week Site Visits in the Summer Food Service Program

I believe what is still pending over at OIRA are the following:

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Cc: [Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Johansson, Robert - OCE, Washington, DC](#); [Hanson, Jennifer L. EOP/OMB](#)
Subject: RE: COVID Farmer Assistance Purchase and Distribution
Date: Friday, April 10, 2020 6:01:38 PM

Thank you for clarifying this Kristi. I see now that (b)(5) DPP [REDACTED]

I will confer with my OMB colleagues and get back to you regarding potential times to discuss purchases on Monday. We should also set up a time to discuss additional details on (b)(5) DPP [REDACTED]. Do you want propose some optional times on your end for that discussion?

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Subject: RE: COVID Farmer Assistance Purchase and Distribution

One clarifying point, (b)(5) DPP [REDACTED]

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Subject: RE: COVID Farmer Assistance Purchase and Distribution

Sorry on the delay and thanks for the question. I circled with the (b)(5) DPP

[REDACTED]

Can we set up time to discuss this Monday morning?

Kristi J. Boswell

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Subject: RE: COVID Farmer Assistance Purchase and Distribution

+Jennifer Hanson (OMB EIML)

Kristi your proposal this morning (b)(5) DPP

[REDACTED] ? Thank you for clarification. Ruth

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From: Boswell, Kristi - OSEC, Washington, DC <kristi.boswell@usda.gov>

Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 8:01 AM

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Cc: Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC <joby.young@usda.gov>; Johansson, Robert - OCE, Washington, DC <robert.johansson@usda.gov>

Subject: COVID Farmer Assistance Purchase and Distribution

All,

Attached is the summary of the programs I described yesterday afternoon in regard to purchase and Distribution.

Let me know if you have questions and we can get a follow up set up.

Kristi

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Subject: RE: COVID Farmer Assistance Purchase and Distribution
Date: Friday, April 10, 2020 8:03:59 AM

Thank you Kristi. We will be in touch.

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Cc: Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC <joby.young@usda.gov>; Johansson, Robert - OCE, Washington, DC <robert.johansson@usda.gov>
Subject: COVID Farmer Assistance Purchase and Distribution

All,

Attached is the summary of the programs I described yesterday afternoon in regard to purchase and Distribution.

Let me know if you have questions and we can get a follow up set up.

Kristi

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To: [Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Boswell, Kristi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Lindsay, Sally - OSEC Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: Checking-in
Date: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 1:47:21 PM
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Sure. Name a time.

From: Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC <joby.young@usda.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 1:46 PM
To: McCormack, Brian V. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>
Cc: Boswell, Kristi - OSEC, Washington, DC <kristi.boswell@usda.gov>; Lindsay, Sally - OSEC Washington, DC <Sally.Lindsay@usda.gov>
Subject: Re: Checking-in

Can we do a call tomorrow afternoon? We have another meeting with the Secretary on this topic midday so it will give us the benefit of his latest feedback.

Joby Young
 Chief of Staff
 U.S. Dept. of Agriculture

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Subject: RE: Checking-in

Sure. And if no convo necessary that's fine too. I just wanted to make sure there was staff level connectivity early on in the process.

If you want to do a call...how about 2:15? Let me know if you want me to send a conf call number.

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Subject: Re: Checking-in

Yes of course. I'd prefer that be a Kristi Boswell led convo if you are amenable to that?

Joby Young
 Chief of Staff
 U.S. Dept. of Agriculture

From: McCormack, Brian V. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>
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To: Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC <joby.young@usda.gov>

Subject: FW: Checking-in

Joby-

Just wanted to flag this as a topic I want to make sure our teams are linked up on the front end. Can we get folks on the line soon?

Brian

From: Lucas, Adrienne E. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 12:57 PM
To: McCormack, Brian V. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>; Schoen, Ansley M. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>
Cc: Saunders, Ruth D. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>
Subject: FW: Checking-in

Brian,

On today's PMC call, Derek discussed the need for the (b)(5) DPP [REDACTED].
 The ag branch has reached out to Rob Johansson, Chief Economist, and Erica Navarro, Budget Officer, to (b)(5) DPP [REDACTED]. We will continue to reach out and will let you know what we hear.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Adrienne

From: Saunders, Ruth D. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 11:52 AM
To: Rosch, Stephanie D. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>; Lucas, Adrienne E. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>
Subject: FW: Checking-in

From: Saunders, Ruth D. EOP/OMB
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 11:50 AM
To: 'Johansson, Robert - OCE, Washington, DC' <robert.johansson@usda.gov>; Navarro, Erica - OBPA, Washington, DC <erica.navarro@usda.gov>
Cc: Montoni, Joe E. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>
Subject: RE: Checking-in

Hi Rob,

Thank you for following up Rob. As Joe noted, our policy officials have asked us to reach out for b(5) DPP. As such, we'd like to officially request b(5) DPP, before you begin any rulemaking. In addition, for scoring purposes, we've asked to be b(5) DPP

We'll make time at your earliest convenience, and coordinate with others in EOP.

Thanks again.

Ruth

OMB Ag Branch Chief

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Cc: Saunders, Ruth D. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>
Subject: RE: Checking-in

Hi Joe,
 Thanks for reaching out. Hope you, family, and colleagues are healthy and staying safe.
 For OCE's part, we are briefing the Secretary on economic impacts in various sectors due to COVID-19.
 We have shared some preliminary work with CEA, NEC, and USTR already on that front.
 Once we start setting up the rulemaking(s), we'll be sure to let you know.
 Cheers,
 Rob



Robert Johansson, Ph.D.

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From: Montoni, Joe E. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 3:00 PM
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Cc: Saunders, Ruth D. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>
Subject: Checking-in

Hi Erica and Rob –

I hope you, and your families, are safely hunkered down for what will be an extended period of home stay.

We appreciate your coordination on all manner of COVID-19 related matters thus far. Now that the stimulus bill has been signed, I wanted to ask that you and your staff continue to proactively work with OMB, (b)(5) DPP, as the Department moves forward to implement the programs and funding included in the bill. We understand that circumstances can shift rapidly and so we just want to make sure that we are working together, proactively to address problems or issues and clear through OMB any necessary materials moving forward.

Please let me know if you have any questions. In the meantime, please stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,
 Joe



Joseph Montoni
 Senior Program Examiner
 Agriculture Branch, Rm 8013
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 Office of Management and Budget

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Cc: [Telle, Adam R. EOP/WHO](#); [Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Re: CCC-SNAP
Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 2:57:30 PM

Ok well **b(5) DPP**

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On Mar 24, 2020, at 2:55 PM, Barbic, Ken - OSEC, Washington, DC
 <Ken.Barbic@usda.gov> wrote:

FYI- **b(5) ACP, b(5) DPP**

b(5) DPP

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From: Jason Yaworske <**b(6)**>
Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 2:46 PM
To: "Barbic, Ken - OSEC, Washington, DC" <Ken.Barbic@usda.gov>, "Telle, Adam R. EOP/WHO" <**b(6)**>
Subject: RE: CCC-SNAP

- Terry

As a practical matter, OMB believes the **b(5) DPP** would provide sufficient resources and flexibility to deliver emergency assistance for either or both trade mitigation or covid payments, assuming there were a **b(5) DPP** to do so.

Frankly we think the **b(5) DPP**

b(5) DPP

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Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 1:06 PM
To: Barbic, Ken - OSEC, Washington, DC <Ken.Barbic@usda.gov>; Yaworske, Jason A. EOP/OMB <**b(6)**>; Telle, Adam R. EOP/WHO <**b(6)**>
Subject: FW: CCC-SNAP

Latest Schumer offer on CCC SNAP. I have not looked at yet, wanted to kick it to you ASAP.

Terry Van Doren

Policy Advisor
Office of Majority Leader McConnell
Washington, DC 20510
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From: Raab, Scott (McConnell) <Scott_Raab@mcconnell.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 12:56 PM
To: Van Doren, Terry (McConnell) <Terry_VanDoren@mcconnell.senate.gov>
Subject: Fwd: CCC-SNAP

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<(b) (6)>, "Raab, Scott (McConnell)"
<Scott_Raab@mcconnell.senate.gov>
Subject: FW: CCC-SNAP

CCC/SNAP

Option I: Small Deal: \$20B for \$25B

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Drop previous request
for sideboards on \$25 billion CCC refill.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Provide \$20 billion in
SNAP benefits by increasing SNAP benefits to 15
percent

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Refill the CCC to \$30
billion in June which USDA estimates costs nearly \$25
billion

Refill CCC (approximately \$25 billion)

(a) REIMBURSEMENT OF PRESENT NET REALIZED LOSSES.—
Amounts provided herein may be used, prior to the
completion of the report described in 15 U.S.C. 713a- 11,

to reimburse the Commodity Credit Corporation for net realized losses sustained, but not previously reimbursed, as reflected in the June 2020 report of its financial condition.

(b) EMERGENCY DESIGNATION.—The amount provided by this section is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

SEC. __. SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

(a) Value of Benefits.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, beginning on May 1, 2020, the value of benefits determined under section 8(a) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2017(a)) and consolidated block grants for Puerto Rico and American Samoa determined under section 19(a) of that Act (7 U.S.C. 2028(a)) shall be calculated using 115 percent of the June 2019 value of the thrifty food plan (as defined in section 3 of that Act (7 U.S.C. 2012)), if the value of the benefits and block grants would be greater under that calculation than in the absence of this section.

(b) Subsequent Year Determinations.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Beginning on May 1, 2021, and for each year thereafter until such time as the value of benefits and block grants described in subsection (a) are greater [/ in the absence of this section than under the calculation under that subsection], the Secretary of Agriculture (referred to in this section as the “Secretary”) may, if the conditions described in paragraph (2) are met, reduce the percentage of the value of the thrifty food plan by which the value of those benefits and block grants are calculated in accordance with that subsection each year by not more than 5 percentage points.

(2) CONDITIONS DESCRIBED.—The Secretary may reduce the percentage of the value of the thrifty food plan by which the value of benefits and block grants are calculated under paragraph (1) if the following conditions are met:

(A) The 3-month average unemployment rate has declined for 6 consecutive months preceding May 1 of the year for which the reduction is made.

(B) The most recent 3-month average unemployment rate is not more than 1.5 percent higher than the unemployment rate during the first quarter of 2020.

(c) Funding.—There are appropriated to the Secretary of Agriculture, out of funds of the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as are necessary to carry out this section.

Option II: Big Deal

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Refill the CCC to \$30 billion in June which USDA estimates costs nearly \$25 billion

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Provide \$20 billion for additional CCC payments with mandatory sideboards for fruit and vegetable producers, dairy, and local food producers as discussed between Hoeven and Stabenow

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->\$20B in SNAP through the benefit increase with triggers, plus increasing minimum SNAP benefit, admin changes, lifting time limits and TEFAP waiver

Sec. XXX. Commodity Credit Corporation

(a) In General.— Section 4(i) of the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act (15 USC 714b(i)) is amended by striking “\$30,000,000,000” and inserting in its place “\$50,000,000,000” : *Provided*, That the Secretary may use up to \$20,000,000,000 to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, *Provided further*, in addition to expenditures for any existing program, the Secretary shall use no less than \$4,000,000,000 for direct assistance to producers of specialty crops; no less than \$2,000,000,000 for direct assistance to dairy producers; and no less than \$1,000,000,000 for direct assistance to producers who supply local food systems including farmers markets, restaurants, and schools.

(b) Prospective Repeal.— Effective September 30, 2020, section 4(i) of the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act (15 USC 714b(i)) is amended by striking “\$50,000,000,000” and inserting in its place “\$30,000,000,000”.

(c) Reimbursement of Present Net Realized Losses.— Amounts provided in the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020

(Public Law 116-94) under the heading “Commodity Credit Corporation Fund—Reimbursement for Net Realized Losses” may be used, prior to the completion of the report described in 15 U.S.C. 713a-11, to reimburse the Commodity Credit Corporation for net realized losses sustained, but not previously reimbursed, as reflected in the June 2020 report of its financial condition.

(d) Emergency Designation.—The amount provided by this section is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

SEC. __. SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

(a) Value of Benefits.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, beginning on May 1, 2020, the value of benefits determined under section 8(a) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2017(a)) and consolidated block grants for Puerto Rico and American Samoa determined under section 19(a) of that Act (7 U.S.C. 2028(a)) shall be calculated using 115 percent of the June 2019 value of the thrifty food plan (as defined in section 3 of that Act (7 U.S.C. 2012)), if the value of the benefits and block grants would be greater under that calculation than in the absence of this section.

(b) Subsequent Year Determinations.—

(1) In general.—Beginning on May 1, 2021, and for each year thereafter until such time as the value of benefits and block grants described in subsection (a) are greater [/ in the absence of this section than under the calculation under that subsection], the Secretary of Agriculture (referred to in this section as the “Secretary”) may, if the conditions described in paragraph (2) are met, reduce the percentage of the value of the thrifty food plan by which the value of those benefits and block grants are calculated in accordance with that subsection each year by not more than 5 percentage points.

(2) Conditions described.—The Secretary may reduce the percentage of the value of the thrifty food plan by which the value of benefits and block grants are calculated under paragraph (1) if the following conditions are met:

(A) The 3-month average unemployment rate has declined for 6 consecutive months preceding May 1 of the year for which the reduction is made.

(B) The most recent 3-month average unemployment rate is not more than 1.5 percent higher than the unemployment rate during the first quarter of 2020.

(c) Minimum amount.—

(1) In general.—The minimum value of benefits

determined under section 8(a) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2017(a)) for a household of not more than 2 members shall be \$30.

(2) Effectiveness.— Paragraph (1) shall remain in effect until the date on which 8 percent of the value of the thrifty food plan for a household containing 1 member, rounded to the nearest whole dollar increment, is equal to or greater than \$30.

(d) Provisions for Impacted Workers—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the requirements under subsections (d)(1)(A)(ii) and (o) of section 6 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2015) shall not be in effect during the period beginning on May 1, 2020, and ending on [____].

(e) REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SECRETARY.—In carrying out this section, the Secretary shall—

(1) consider the benefit increases described in subsection (a) to be a “mass change”;

(2) require a simple process for States to notify households of the increase in benefits;

(3) not include any errors in the implementation of this section in the payment error rate calculated under section 16(c) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2025(c)); and

(4) disregard the additional amount of benefits that a household receives as a result of this section in determining the amount of overissuances under section 13 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2022).

(f) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—For the costs of State administrative expenses associated with carrying out this section and administering the supplemental nutrition assistance program established under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.), the Secretary shall make available \$150,000,000 for fiscal year 2020 and \$150,000,000 for fiscal year 2021.

(2) TIMING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall make available to States amounts for fiscal year 2020 under paragraph (1).

(3) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—Funds described in paragraph (1) shall be made available as grants to State agencies for each fiscal year as follows:

(A) 75 percent of the amounts available for each fiscal year shall be allocated to States based on the share of each State of households that participate in the supplemental nutrition assistance program as reported to the Department of Agriculture for the most recent 12-month period for which data are available, adjusted by the Secretary (as of the date of

the enactment of this Act) for participation in disaster programs under section 5(h) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2014(h)); and

(B) 25 percent of the amounts available for each fiscal year shall be allocated to States based on the increase in the number of households that participate in the supplemental nutrition assistance program as reported to the Department of Agriculture over the most recent 12-month period for which data are available, adjusted by the Secretary (as of the date of the enactment of this Act) for participation in disaster programs under section 5(h) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2014(h)).

(g) Funding.—There are appropriated to the Secretary , out of funds of the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as are necessary to carry out this section.

SEC. XXXX. THE EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WAIVER ADDRESSING COVID–19.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Agriculture shall waive standards of eligibility for individual or household recipients of commodities or other program requirements under 7 U.S.C 7503 to ensure commodities can be distributed for the duration of a public health emergency declaration by the Secretary of Health and Human Services under section 319 of the Public Health Service Act based on an outbreak of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID–19).

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Subject: RE: Dean Foods
Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 9:55:20 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

I understand Sally- we have been having conference line issues as well.

You all should have just received an invite. Please let me know if anyone else should be added.

Thanks,
 Ansley

From: Lindsay, Sally - OSEC Washington, DC <Sally.Lindsay@usda.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 9:49 AM
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Subject: RE: Dean Foods

Hi Ansley-

Will you send out invite with call details? We've been having lots of issues with our conference bridge line.

Call: 12:30-1:00 (? Duration)

If so, the invites are:

Stephen.Vaden@usda.gov

Dudley.Hoskins@usda.gov

Joby.Young@usda.gov

(b) (6)

Jordan Bonfitto

(b) (6)

Francis Brooke

(b) (6)

Brian McCormack

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Thanks!

Sally

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At the moment, I can make any of those work. Want to lock-in 12:30 or something else?

Terry Van Doren

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I'll make any of those times work.

Thank you.

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Subject: FW: Dean Foods
Importance: High

Hi Ansley,

Checking on a time that might work for Brian, or his delegate, today to offer to Terry Van Doren. The interagency team (USDA/OMB/NEC) would like to provide updates to Terry.

Do any of the following options work on your end?

12:30-1:00

1:30-1:45

After 5:00

Thanks,

Sally

Sally Q. Lindsay

Confidential Assistant to the Chief of Staff

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Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 10:55 AM

To: Barbic, Ken - OSEC, Washington, DC <Ken.Barbic@usda.gov>

Cc: Lindsay, Sally - OSEC Washington, DC <Sally.Lindsay@usda.gov>

Subject: RE: Dean Foods

Just pick a time and I will attempt to make work. Schedules are really fluid up here and I am sure there as well. Appreciate the update on dairy supply issues and you working on them.

Terry Van Doren

Policy Advisor

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Washington, DC 20510

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From: [McCormack, Brian V. EOP/OMB](#)
To: [Hoskins, Dudley - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: Dean Foods Follow-up
Date: Friday, March 20, 2020 11:56:31 AM

Thanks guys. Feel free to add me but put Adrienne and Ruth in on it too in case I can't join. That work?

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Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 11:55 AM
To: McCormack, Brian V. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>
Cc: Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC <joby.young@usda.gov>
Subject: Re: Dean Foods Follow-up

Hey Brian — supplementing Joby's response. We've been talking to NEC (Jordan Bonfitto) on this as well.

Would you be willing to let me pull a call together with you and Jordan today to compare notes?

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To: McCormack, Brian V. EOP/OMB; Hoskins, Dudley - OSEC, Washington, DC
Subject: Re: Dean Foods Follow-up

Thanks Brian. We've had two different meetings with SP on this topic this week and continue to prioritize finding the best path forward. We'll call and update you this afternoon.

Joby Young
 Chief of Staff
 U.S. Dept. of Agriculture

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Subject: FW: Dean Foods Follow-up

Gents-

I connected with my team post the conversation Joby and I had this morning. Realize we're all juggling a number of items but the team here stands ready to connect on this when you can.

Thanks for all you're doing.

Brian

From: Lucas, Adrienne E. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 11:20 AM
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Cc: Schoen, Ansley M. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>; Saunders, Ruth D. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>
Subject: Dean Foods Follow-up

Brian,

Since being made aware of the situation with Dean Foods and the b(5) DPP on Wednesday, we have been trying to connect with Dudley Hoskins and Lorren Walker at USDA to hear their thoughts and discussions options. Unfortunately, we haven't heard back from them. When you have a minute, will you reach out to USDA to request that they loop us into their conversations on this topic?

Thank you,
 Adrienne

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Subject: RE: OMB request for input FW: Food delivery to quarantined areas
Date: Monday, March 16, 2020 3:01:32 PM

Thank you. Also rec'd a forwarded copy from Brian. All good!

Ruth

From: Beal, Mary Dee - OSEC, Washington, DC <MaryDee.Beal@usda.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2020 2:15 PM
To: Saunders, Ruth D. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>
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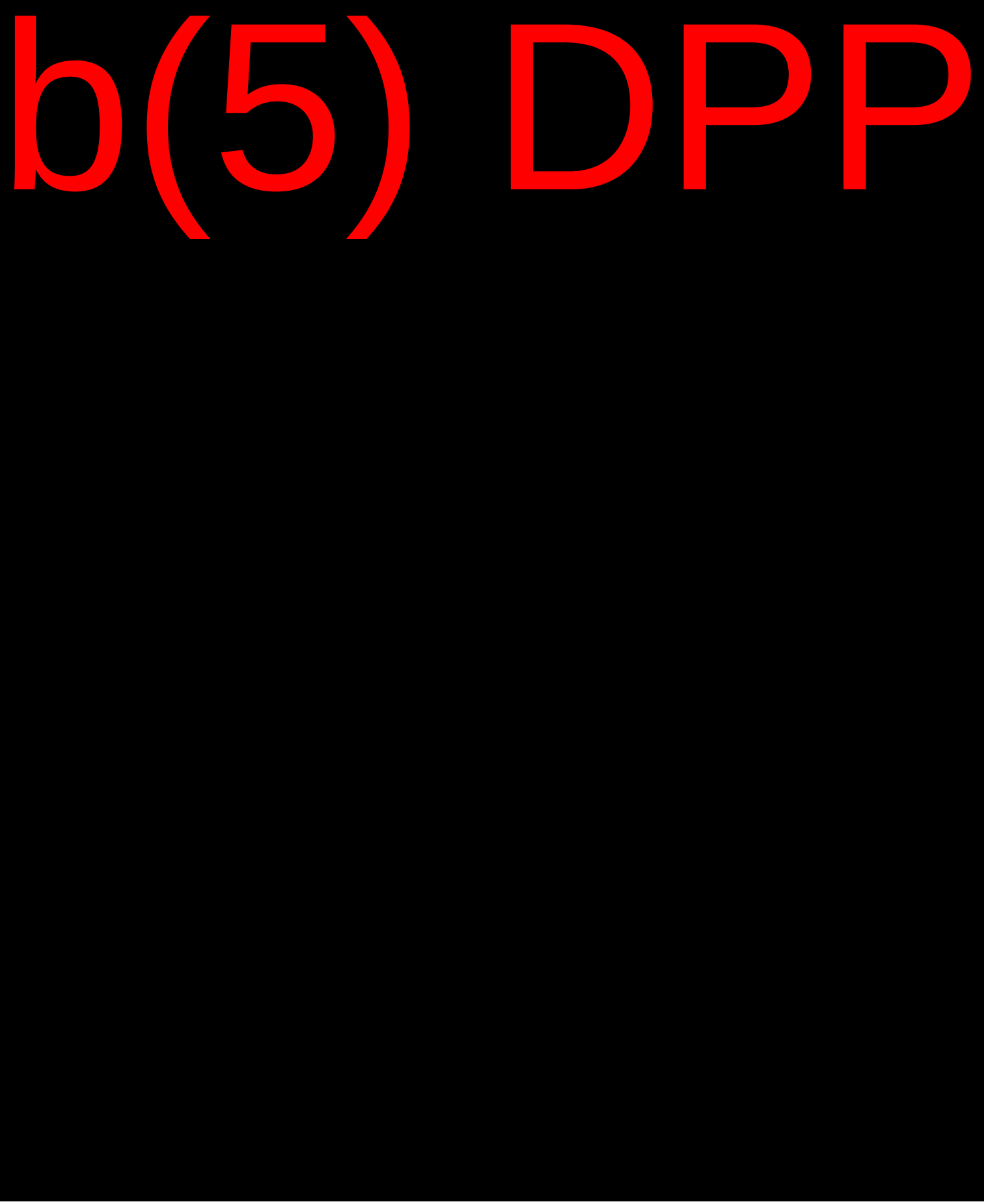
Ruth –

Flagging that we just sent the below over to some folks at NEC. Info is largely similar to the content on the doc you shared, with a number of more potential policy issues identified. This is meant to be high-level input from UDSA re: federal continuity and potential issues for PCC coordination. This list should not be taken as exhaustive. We will continue to work internally on resourcing/issue identification at USDA to prepare for future coordinated efforts. Thanks!

Mary Dee

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From: Saunders, Ruth D. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2020 12:41 PM
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+ Adrienne Lucas

Thank you all for the coordinated effort. Looping in Adrienne also. Brian is keeping us up to date.

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On Mar 16, 2020, at 12:25 PM, Beal, Mary Dee - OSEC, Washington, DC
 <MaryDee.Beal@usda.gov> wrote:

Want to flag that we are tracking this as well as a separate, related ask from NEC. We are working to put together coordinated info across USDA and these asks; Brian is looped in on our other conversations as well.

From: Tkacz, Kailee - OSEC, Washington, DC <kailee.tkacz@usda.gov>
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2020 5:44 PM
To: Saunders, Ruth D. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>; Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@usda.gov>
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Date: Sunday, March 15, 2020 6:12:50 PM

Thank you Kailee.

I will add that I just spoke to Erica Navarro regarding (b)(5) DPP .
 OMB was initially requesting this information by noon Tuesday, but now OMBLA needs to know (b)(5) DPP as soon as possible to the extent that they have been identified.

Ruth
 OMB Agriculture Branch Chief
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To: [Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Fwd: FOR QUICK REVIEW by 11.00am SUNDAY (3/15): One-Pager and Questions for POTUS Call with Grocery Executives
Date: Sunday, March 15, 2020 10:39:16 AM
Attachments: [Call with Grocery Executives.docx](#) (b)(5)-Deliberative (1 page)
[ATT00001.htm](#)
[Pocket Card - Grocery Executives.docx](#) (b)(5)-Deliberative (1 page)
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Cc: DL OMB ExecSec <(b) (6)>
Subject: FOR QUICK REVIEW by 11.00am SUNDAY (3/15): One-Pager and Questions for POTUS Call with Grocery Executives

Attached for review is a one-pager along with a pocket card of potential questions the President can ask for the 1:30 pm call today with grocery executives. Please submit edits/comments by 11:00 am.

From: [Saunders, Ruth D. EOP/OMB](#)
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Subject: RE: OMB COVID-19 Information Requests
Date: Monday, March 9, 2020 1:47:03 PM

Thanks all!

From: Navarro, Erica - OBPA, Washington, DC <erica.navarro@usda.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 9, 2020 1:03 PM
To: Saunders, Ruth D. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>; Hanson, Jennifer L. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>
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Hi Ruth and Jennifer

Here you go! Please reach out if you have any questions. Thanks, Erica

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Here – sorry about that.

From: Navarro, Erica - OBPA, Washington, DC <erica.navarro@usda.gov>
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Cc: Hanson, Jennifer L. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>
Subject: OMB COVID-19 Information Requests

Good morning. I'm following up on two government-wide COVID-19 exercises.

b(5) DPP

From: Weichert, Margaret M. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>
Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2020 6:02 PM
Cc: Warren, Peter N. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>; Brown, Dustin S. EOP/OMB <(b) (6)>
Subject: OMB Information Request
Importance: High

PMC Members,

On behalf of the OVP Coronavirus Task Force, OMB has been asked to ensure there are regular updates on steps agencies plan to take in response to the COVID-19 virus.

Specifically, **b(5) DPP**

This exercise is not intended to be duplicative of the daily communication already happening between the lead response agencies and the task force. Rather, it's to gather information related to broader impacts that coronavirus may be having on the agency's programs and their internal and external stakeholders.

For example, agencies would **b(5) DPP**

Similarly, agencies would highlight **b(5) DPP**

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Each agency is also asked to provide the name and information for a lead POC that can be added to this distribution list and join regular calls. Please send to Brandon Holt no later than COB Monday March 9th. We will provide follow up information of calls.

Thanks,
Margaret
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