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Timothy Carroll
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Dear Clerk Hurley and Clerk Carroll,

Pursuant to line item 4400-0709 of Section 2 of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 2025, the Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) submits this report on strategies for reducing Payment Error Rates (PER) and summarizing departmental responses to recent policy changes to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

Sincerely,

Michael Cole
Commissioner
Department of Transitional Assistance