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Office of the Solicitor General

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Honorable Scott S. Harris
Clerk
Supreme Court of the United States
Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: Rollins, et al. v. Rhode Island State Council of Churches, et al., No. 25A539

Dear Mr. Harris:

Pursuant to the Court's order from this morning, this letter confirms that the government still intends to pursue a stay in this matter and will file a supplemental brief by 4:00pm this afternoon. I also write to inform the Court about two developments relating to this application.

First, last evening, the Senate voted to begin the process for ending the shutdown and funding the government—including full funding for SNAP through the end of the fiscal year. See Jordain Carney, *Senate Advances Plan to End Historic Shutdown in Bipartisan Breakthrough*, Politico (Nov. 9, 2025).¹ That proposal, if ultimately adopted by both Houses of Congress and signed by the President, would end the shutdown and moot this application.

Second, this morning, a district court in a related case issued a temporary restraining order. That TRO purports to stay the USDA's November 8 memorandum that directed States that had processed full SNAP benefits for November without authorization to take immediate steps to undo those actions and revert to processing partial (65%) SNAP payments for November. See Order, *Massachusetts, et al. v. USDA, et al.*, No. 1:25-cv-13165 (D. Mass., Nov. 10, 2025).

Sincerely,

D. John Sauer
Solicitor General

cc: See Attached Service List

¹ <https://www.politico.com/news/2025/11/09/government-funding-deal-on-track-to-advance-sunday-night-00644110>.

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