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Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein responds to Trump administration's attempts to slow-roll SNAP benefits as 42 million Americans keep waiting

Klein calls on Trump administration to quit playing politics, obey the rule of law, and release available SNAP funds as they did in 2019 so that hungry people can afford to put food on the table

COLUMBUS, OH— Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein today responded to the Trump administration's appeal of a federal court ordering the immediate distribution of full November Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits. On Thursday, the court in Columbus's SNAP case ruled that the administration violated the court's previous order and broke the law when it failed to deliver benefits to Americans earlier this week and must make full payments to states by the end of the day Friday.

Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein issued the following statement:

"When faced with the same choice during a previous government shutdown, the Trump administration chose to fund SNAP. Now, they've chosen to weaponize hunger at a time when 42 million Americans are staring down another week without food.

"It shouldn't take court orders for the Trump administration to do the right thing. The fact is the longer they drag their feet, the more harm they will cause to children, veterans, seniors, the disabled and all those who rely on SNAP to put food on the table.

"We all want a deal to end the shutdown, but that's not what's in front of us. What we do have is an opportunity to feed our neighbors in need. You don't have to like or agree with a ruling, but in this country, we obey the rule of law, and right now, the only thing standing between 42 million Americans and food is Donald Trump and J.D. Vance. Stop delaying and release the funds. Feed our friends and neighbors."

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