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Court in Columbus SNAP case rules that Trump administration violated court order and must pay out full benefits by Nov. 7

COLUMBUS, OH— Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein today announced that a federal judge ruled against the Trump administration for the second time in a week, this time saying that the U.S. Department of Agriculture failed to meet the deadline set forth in the court order to issue partial Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) funding to states by Nov. 5.

In an oral ruling Thursday, the judge ordered the Trump administration to make full SNAP benefit payments to states by the end of day Friday, November 7. Plaintiffs in the case made several filings challenging the administration's refusal to fully fund benefits and highlighting the president's recent comments where he said he was refusing to pay out food assistance to the poorest Americans for purely political reasons.

Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein issued the following statement:

"In America, we have a moral obligation to feed the hungry and care for those in need. You shouldn't need a court order to feed people. Today's ruling moves us one step closer to getting critical food assistance into the hands of 42 million Americans who rely on SNAP to put food on the table. I urge the Trump administration to follow the law, obey the Court's ruling, and release the funds."

"We will monitor the administration's actions to follow through on delivering these funds as quickly as possible and will not hesitate to use every tool we have to hold this president and his administration accountable should they fail to meet their obligations to the Court and the American people. We hope that ODJFS will get funds out to folks as soon as they're released to the state. There's no time to waste."

A written order will follow.

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