



June 12, 2026

Secretary Brooke L. Rollins
United States Department of Agriculture
Washington, D.C.

Re: SNAP Food Restriction Demonstration Waiver Modification Request
WIMS Project ID: 00013458

Dear Secretary Rollins,

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services respectfully requests to modify the State agency's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Food Restriction Waiver definition of foods that will be ineligible for purchase using SNAP benefits.

Ohio was approved to exclude the following beverages items: beverages sweetened with sugar, corn syrup, high-fructose corn syrup, or similar caloric sweeteners as the primary ingredient, or as the second ingredient if the first ingredient is carbonated water.

Ohio would like to modify this definition to exclude the purchase of fountain drinks of any kind.

Your consideration for approval of this modification is greatly appreciated. We believe this modification will eliminate confusion at the point-of-sale device and ensure the retailer does not need to inspect a fountain beverage to determine if it is an allowable purchase or not.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "HKnies", is written over a large, faint, light blue watermark of the word "Ohio".

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