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Honorable District Attorney John Chisholm  
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Milwaukee, WI 53233

Dear District Attorney Chisholm:

As a result of recent media reports, I am writing to request an investigation into any possible fraudulent applications that may be filed in Milwaukee by those seeking food assistance vouchers under the USDA's Food & Nutrition Service.

As you are aware, the USDA is working with Wisconsin state and local officials to provide emergency food assistance to individuals and families affected by the recent Midwest floods. Through its Disaster Food Stamp Program, individuals who have had disaster damage to their homes or expenses related to protecting their homes, lost income as a result of the disaster, or have no access to bank accounts or other resources, may be eligible for assistance. The program offers a month's worth of food stamps to residents who incur damage in a declared disaster and fall below an income threshold.

I am deeply concerned that applicants are not required to provide proof of either flood damage or income in order to receive benefits. It is my belief that without any verification process in place, the Disaster Food Stamp Program is highly susceptible to waste, fraud and abuse.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr." in a cursive script.

F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.  
Member of Congress

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