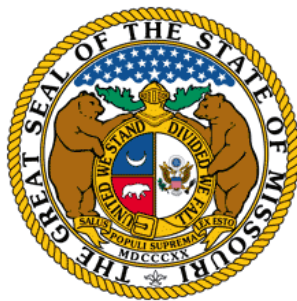


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Dear Governor,

I was shocked beyond words to read in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch this morning that you are attempting to cut the food stamp program. This action seems so out of character for you - as the Post noted - that I appeal to you to seriously re-think and reconsider your position. I need not go over the utter hardship your action will wreak on citizens of our state because the Post already clearly detailed that scenario.

In the past you have worked well with myself and members of the Black Legislative Caucus. However, this action of cutting food stamps crosses a line that will compel us to vigorously oppose you in this instance.

Consequently, I urge you in the strongest possible terms to rescind your action. Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Jamilah Nasheed'.

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