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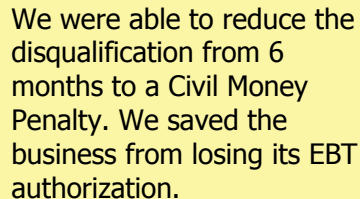
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**WE WON!!!**



We were able to reduce the disqualification from 6 months to a Civil Money Penalty. We saved the business from losing its EBT authorization.

Dear Sir or Madam:

Consideration has been given to the information and evidence available to us relating to our letter of charges dated January 26, 2021, and to your replies of January 27, 2021, February 04, 2021 and February 25, 2021. We find that the violations cited in our charge letter occurred at your firm.

**We have determined that the assessment of a hardship Civil Money Penalty (CMP) of \$5,388.00 in lieu of a 6 months period of disqualification is the appropriate penalty for these violations. This is in accordance with Section 278.6(f)(1) of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) regulations.**

We have assessed this CMP because your firm is selling a substantial variety of staple food items and the firm's disqualification would cause hardship to SNAP households.

**Your firm shall have 15 calendar days from receipt of this letter in which to pay the \$5,388.00 CMP or to establish an installment plan.** If you wish to set up installment payments, you must contact the USDA, Food and Nutrition Service, Retailer Repayment Team, Financial Management, Accounting Division (703) 605-0483 or [fn-retailerrepayment@usda.gov](mailto:fn-retailerrepayment@usda.gov).

Please submit your payment online at <https://pay.gov>. Click on Find an Agency at the top of the page. Under letter "A", search for and select Agriculture (USDA): Food and Nutrition Service (FNS). Please use Standard Form 1114 - Bills for Collection to make your payment using a bank account, or credit or debit card. If you are unable to pay online, contact the USDA, Food and Nutrition Service, Retailer Repayment Team, Financial Management, Accounting Division for additional instructions.

Failure to pay the CMP will result in your disqualification for a period of 6 months. This disqualification would be effective on the 15th calendar day following your receipt of this letter. If you are disqualified, your Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) processor will be advised to disable your EBT connection. If you accept SNAP benefits after the effective date of disqualification, you will be subject to a severe monetary fine, per Section 278.6(m) of the SNAP regulations, and possible prosecution under applicable laws.

This determination will be final unless you submit a written request for review to the Chief, Administrative Review Branch, USDA, FNS, 1320 Braddock Place, 5th Floor, Alexandria, Virginia