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March 20, 2020

Via email to tara@mcoaonline.com

Tara Hammes, Director
Massachusetts Councils on Aging
316 Pleasant Street
Easthampton, MA 01027

RE: PRR – Average SNAP Benefit for Single Adults throughout Commonwealth

Dear Ms. Hammes:

The Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) responds to the above referenced public records request, received electronically on March 9, 2020 (the “request” or “PRR”), wherein you requested the following records:

“The average SNAP benefit (excluding HIP funds) for a single adult aged 60+ years living alone for each town and city in the Commonwealth”

Attached please find the requested records, the production of which completes DTA’s response to your request. The data is current as of the end of February, 2020 and excludes municipalities with eleven (11) or fewer households for privacy reasons. DTA has not withheld or redacted any records from this response. DTA reserves the right to retrieve any exempted, privileged, or otherwise protected materials inadvertently included in this production. Any such production is not, and shall not be, considered or deemed a waiver of any applicable privileges or protections from disclosure.

DTA now considers this PRR closed. If you believe the agency has violated G.L. c. 66, section 10, pursuant to G.L. c. 66 section 10A, you may submit an appeal to the Supervisor of Public Records in the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth or seek judicial review by commencing a civil action in Suffolk Superior Court.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (617) 348-8520.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Koren Christensen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Koren Christensen
Acting General Counsel
Primary Records Access Officer

Enclosure

| MONTH | LOCATION NAME | AVERAGE SNAP BENEFIT AMT |
|----------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| 1-Feb-20 | ABINGTON | \$ 127.11 |
| 1-Feb-20 | ACTON | \$ 149.72 |
| 1-Feb-20 | ACUSHNET | \$ 123.81 |
| 1-Feb-20 | ADAMS | \$ 114.77 |
| 1-Feb-20 | AGAWAM | \$ 124.35 |
| 1-Feb-20 | AMESBURY | \$ 111.52 |
| 1-Feb-20 | AMHERST | \$ 141.85 |
| 1-Feb-20 | ANDOVER | \$ 138.01 |
| 1-Feb-20 | ARLINGTON | \$ 133.62 |
| 1-Feb-20 | ASHBURNHAM | \$ 122.11 |
| 1-Feb-20 | ASHBY | \$ 149.56 |
| 1-Feb-20 | ASHFIELD | \$ 130.93 |
| 1-Feb-20 | ASHLAND | \$ 125.86 |
| 1-Feb-20 | ATHOL | \$ 111.99 |
| 1-Feb-20 | ATTLEBORO | \$ 125.92 |
| 1-Feb-20 | AUBURN | \$ 124.60 |
| 1-Feb-20 | AVON | \$ 144.19 |
| 1-Feb-20 | AYER | \$ 126.01 |
| 1-Feb-20 | BARNSTABLE | \$ 132.69 |
| 1-Feb-20 | BARRE | \$ 121.54 |
| 1-Feb-20 | BECKET | \$ 124.04 |
| 1-Feb-20 | BEDFORD | \$ 136.82 |
| 1-Feb-20 | BELCHERTOWN | \$ 122.49 |
| 1-Feb-20 | BELLINGHAM | \$ 133.53 |
| 1-Feb-20 | BELMONT | \$ 144.89 |
| 1-Feb-20 | BERKLEY | \$ 134.17 |
| 1-Feb-20 | BERLIN | \$ 104.15 |
| 1-Feb-20 | BERNARDSTON | \$ 84.80 |
| 1-Feb-20 | BEVERLY | \$ 120.00 |
| 1-Feb-20 | BILLERICA | \$ 134.06 |
| 1-Feb-20 | BLACKSTONE | \$ 123.23 |
| 1-Feb-20 | BOLTON | \$ 141.06 |
| 1-Feb-20 | BOSTON | \$ 141.57 |
| 1-Feb-20 | BOURNE | \$ 125.86 |
| 1-Feb-20 | BOXBOROUGH | \$ 126.32 |
| 1-Feb-20 | BOYLSTON | \$ 116.52 |
| 1-Feb-20 | BRAINTREE | \$ 144.93 |
| 1-Feb-20 | BREWSTER | \$ 127.72 |
| 1-Feb-20 | BRIDGEWATER | \$ 130.88 |
| 1-Feb-20 | BRIMFIELD | \$ 106.85 |
| 1-Feb-20 | BROCKTON | \$ 150.18 |
| 1-Feb-20 | BROOKFIELD | \$ 111.48 |
| 1-Feb-20 | BROOKLINE | \$ 137.47 |
| 1-Feb-20 | BURLINGTON | \$ 137.79 |
| 1-Feb-20 | CAMBRIDGE | \$ 135.56 |

| MONTH | LOCATION NAME | AVERAGE SNAP BENEFIT AMT |
|----------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1-Feb-20 | CANTON | \$ 131.02 |
| 1-Feb-20 | CARLISLE | \$ 158.92 |
| 1-Feb-20 | CARVER | \$ 129.82 |
| 1-Feb-20 | CHARLEMONT | \$ 119.19 |
| 1-Feb-20 | CHARLTON | \$ 122.20 |
| 1-Feb-20 | CHATHAM | \$ 134.10 |
| 1-Feb-20 | CHELMSFORD | \$ 134.49 |
| 1-Feb-20 | CHELSEA | \$ 141.36 |
| 1-Feb-20 | CHESHIRE | \$ 109.81 |
| 1-Feb-20 | CHESTER | \$ 136.00 |
| 1-Feb-20 | CHESTERFIELD | \$ 130.36 |
| 1-Feb-20 | CHICOPEE | \$ 129.08 |
| 1-Feb-20 | CLINTON | \$ 127.02 |
| 1-Feb-20 | COHASSET | \$ 130.69 |
| 1-Feb-20 | COLRAIN | \$ 128.37 |
| 1-Feb-20 | CONCORD | \$ 125.78 |
| 1-Feb-20 | CUMMINGTON | \$ 85.38 |
| 1-Feb-20 | DALTON | \$ 107.47 |
| 1-Feb-20 | DANVERS | \$ 133.18 |
| 1-Feb-20 | DARTMOUTH | \$ 120.84 |
| 1-Feb-20 | DEDHAM | \$ 139.10 |
| 1-Feb-20 | DEERFIELD | \$ 128.70 |
| 1-Feb-20 | DENNIS | \$ 130.80 |
| 1-Feb-20 | DIGHTON | \$ 121.34 |
| 1-Feb-20 | DOUGLAS | \$ 100.03 |
| 1-Feb-20 | DRACUT | \$ 135.42 |
| 1-Feb-20 | DUDLEY | \$ 129.57 |
| 1-Feb-20 | DUXBURY | \$ 128.36 |
| 1-Feb-20 | EAST BRIDGEWATER | \$ 132.28 |
| 1-Feb-20 | EAST BROOKFIELD | \$ 123.14 |
| 1-Feb-20 | EAST LONGMEADOW | \$ 112.11 |
| 1-Feb-20 | EASTHAM | \$ 137.00 |
| 1-Feb-20 | EASTHAMPTON | \$ 126.68 |
| 1-Feb-20 | EASTON | \$ 126.95 |
| 1-Feb-20 | EDGARTOWN | \$ 137.00 |
| 1-Feb-20 | ERVING | \$ 104.61 |
| 1-Feb-20 | ESSEX | \$ 124.76 |
| 1-Feb-20 | EVERETT | \$ 149.76 |
| 1-Feb-20 | FAIRHAVEN | \$ 118.82 |
| 1-Feb-20 | FALL RIVER | \$ 130.81 |
| 1-Feb-20 | FALMOUTH | \$ 124.61 |
| 1-Feb-20 | FITCHBURG | \$ 134.07 |
| 1-Feb-20 | FOXBOROUGH | \$ 122.85 |
| 1-Feb-20 | FRAMINGHAM | \$ 135.82 |
| 1-Feb-20 | FRANKLIN | \$ 126.61 |

| MONTH | LOCATION NAME | AVERAGE SNAP BENEFIT AMT |
|----------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1-Feb-20 | FREETOWN | \$ 121.00 |
| 1-Feb-20 | GARDNER | \$ 113.24 |
| 1-Feb-20 | GEORGETOWN | \$ 128.11 |
| 1-Feb-20 | GILL | \$ 132.14 |
| 1-Feb-20 | GLOUCESTER | \$ 127.55 |
| 1-Feb-20 | GRAFTON | \$ 128.46 |
| 1-Feb-20 | GRANBY | \$ 137.91 |
| 1-Feb-20 | GRANVILLE | \$ 123.12 |
| 1-Feb-20 | GREAT BARRINGTON | \$ 129.85 |
| 1-Feb-20 | GREENFIELD | \$ 124.28 |
| 1-Feb-20 | GROTON | \$ 130.08 |
| 1-Feb-20 | GROVELAND | \$ 125.00 |
| 1-Feb-20 | HADLEY | \$ 134.14 |
| 1-Feb-20 | HALIFAX | \$ 127.96 |
| 1-Feb-20 | HAMILTON | \$ 114.19 |
| 1-Feb-20 | HAMPDEN | \$ 122.69 |
| 1-Feb-20 | HANOVER | \$ 113.67 |
| 1-Feb-20 | HANSON | \$ 119.12 |
| 1-Feb-20 | HARDWICK | \$ 116.61 |
| 1-Feb-20 | HARVARD | \$ 125.40 |
| 1-Feb-20 | HARWICH | \$ 129.26 |
| 1-Feb-20 | HATFIELD | \$ 117.16 |
| 1-Feb-20 | HAVERHILL | \$ 135.13 |
| 1-Feb-20 | HINGHAM | \$ 131.87 |
| 1-Feb-20 | HINSDALE | \$ 117.38 |
| 1-Feb-20 | HOLBROOK | \$ 145.16 |
| 1-Feb-20 | HOLDEN | \$ 131.68 |
| 1-Feb-20 | HOLLAND | \$ 124.08 |
| 1-Feb-20 | HOLLISTON | \$ 137.66 |
| 1-Feb-20 | HOLYOKE | \$ 142.00 |
| 1-Feb-20 | HOPEDALE | \$ 120.04 |
| 1-Feb-20 | HOPKINTON | \$ 135.22 |
| 1-Feb-20 | HUBBARDSTON | \$ 102.39 |
| 1-Feb-20 | HUDSON | \$ 120.64 |
| 1-Feb-20 | HULL | \$ 139.41 |
| 1-Feb-20 | HUNTINGTON | \$ 113.97 |
| 1-Feb-20 | IPSWICH | \$ 123.76 |
| 1-Feb-20 | KINGSTON | \$ 133.61 |
| 1-Feb-20 | LAKEVILLE | \$ 136.01 |
| 1-Feb-20 | LANCASTER | \$ 120.84 |
| 1-Feb-20 | LANESBOROUGH | \$ 134.95 |
| 1-Feb-20 | LAWRENCE | \$ 159.65 |
| 1-Feb-20 | LEE | \$ 124.10 |
| 1-Feb-20 | LEICESTER | \$ 133.06 |
| 1-Feb-20 | LENOX | \$ 130.93 |

| MONTH | LOCATION NAME | AVERAGE SNAP BENEFIT AMT |
|----------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| 1-Feb-20 | LEOMINSTER | \$ 135.17 |
| 1-Feb-20 | LEVERETT | \$ 115.93 |
| 1-Feb-20 | LEXINGTON | \$ 157.27 |
| 1-Feb-20 | LINCOLN | \$ 143.83 |
| 1-Feb-20 | LITTLETON | \$ 122.14 |
| 1-Feb-20 | LONGMEADOW | \$ 131.14 |
| 1-Feb-20 | LOWELL | \$ 148.89 |
| 1-Feb-20 | LUDLOW | \$ 125.88 |
| 1-Feb-20 | LUNENBURG | \$ 116.45 |
| 1-Feb-20 | LYNN | \$ 144.46 |
| 1-Feb-20 | LYNNFIELD | \$ 127.65 |
| 1-Feb-20 | MALDEN | \$ 145.11 |
| 1-Feb-20 | MANCHESTER | \$ 104.28 |
| 1-Feb-20 | MANSFIELD | \$ 126.68 |
| 1-Feb-20 | MARBLEHEAD | \$ 129.48 |
| 1-Feb-20 | MARION | \$ 126.33 |
| 1-Feb-20 | MARLBOROUGH | \$ 129.61 |
| 1-Feb-20 | MARSHFIELD | \$ 124.42 |
| 1-Feb-20 | MASHPEE | \$ 141.93 |
| 1-Feb-20 | MATTAPOISETT | \$ 122.72 |
| 1-Feb-20 | MAYNARD | \$ 132.51 |
| 1-Feb-20 | MEDFIELD | \$ 141.49 |
| 1-Feb-20 | MEDFORD | \$ 141.28 |
| 1-Feb-20 | MEDWAY | \$ 110.74 |
| 1-Feb-20 | MELROSE | \$ 126.46 |
| 1-Feb-20 | MENDON | \$ 133.30 |
| 1-Feb-20 | MERRIMAC | \$ 124.93 |
| 1-Feb-20 | METHUEN | \$ 148.09 |
| 1-Feb-20 | MIDDLEBOROUGH | \$ 124.79 |
| 1-Feb-20 | MIDDLETON | \$ 128.90 |
| 1-Feb-20 | MILFORD | \$ 135.00 |
| 1-Feb-20 | MILLBURY | \$ 115.24 |
| 1-Feb-20 | MILLIS | \$ 133.43 |
| 1-Feb-20 | MILLVILLE | \$ 119.96 |
| 1-Feb-20 | MILTON | \$ 143.36 |
| 1-Feb-20 | MONSON | \$ 120.88 |
| 1-Feb-20 | MONTAGUE | \$ 119.65 |
| 1-Feb-20 | NAHANT | \$ 150.03 |
| 1-Feb-20 | NANTUCKET | \$ 136.74 |
| 1-Feb-20 | NATICK | \$ 130.28 |
| 1-Feb-20 | NEEDHAM | \$ 136.51 |
| 1-Feb-20 | NEW BEDFORD | \$ 135.56 |
| 1-Feb-20 | NEW SALEM | \$ 113.17 |
| 1-Feb-20 | NEWBURY | \$ 119.24 |
| 1-Feb-20 | NEWBURYPORT | \$ 113.88 |

| MONTH | LOCATION NAME | AVERAGE SNAP BENEFIT AMT |
|----------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1-Feb-20 | NEWTON | \$ 145.56 |
| 1-Feb-20 | NORFOLK | \$ 149.69 |
| 1-Feb-20 | NORTH ADAMS | \$ 118.24 |
| 1-Feb-20 | NORTH ANDOVER | \$ 132.93 |
| 1-Feb-20 | NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH | \$ 125.42 |
| 1-Feb-20 | NORTH BROOKFIELD | \$ 106.65 |
| 1-Feb-20 | NORTH READING | \$ 137.70 |
| 1-Feb-20 | NORTHAMPTON | \$ 123.29 |
| 1-Feb-20 | NORTHBOROUGH | \$ 131.38 |
| 1-Feb-20 | NORTHBRIDGE | \$ 122.49 |
| 1-Feb-20 | NORTHFIELD | \$ 111.95 |
| 1-Feb-20 | NORTON | \$ 115.65 |
| 1-Feb-20 | NORWELL | \$ 129.00 |
| 1-Feb-20 | NORWOOD | \$ 128.50 |
| 1-Feb-20 | OAK BLUFFS | \$ 125.19 |
| 1-Feb-20 | OAKHAM | \$ 121.69 |
| 1-Feb-20 | ORANGE | \$ 112.35 |
| 1-Feb-20 | ORLEANS | \$ 130.18 |
| 1-Feb-20 | OTIS | \$ 146.00 |
| 1-Feb-20 | OXFORD | \$ 110.79 |
| 1-Feb-20 | PALMER | \$ 125.85 |
| 1-Feb-20 | PAXTON | \$ 139.71 |
| 1-Feb-20 | PEABODY | \$ 134.38 |
| 1-Feb-20 | PEMBROKE | \$ 111.35 |
| 1-Feb-20 | PEPPERELL | \$ 117.79 |
| 1-Feb-20 | PITTSFIELD | \$ 127.32 |
| 1-Feb-20 | PLAINVILLE | \$ 124.91 |
| 1-Feb-20 | PLYMOUTH | \$ 127.22 |
| 1-Feb-20 | PLYMPTON | \$ 106.32 |
| 1-Feb-20 | PRINCETON | \$ 122.95 |
| 1-Feb-20 | PROVINCETOWN | \$ 126.21 |
| 1-Feb-20 | QUINCY | \$ 139.46 |
| 1-Feb-20 | RANDOLPH | \$ 150.27 |
| 1-Feb-20 | RAYNHAM | \$ 125.08 |
| 1-Feb-20 | READING | \$ 130.15 |
| 1-Feb-20 | REHOBOTH | \$ 128.93 |
| 1-Feb-20 | REVERE | \$ 143.42 |
| 1-Feb-20 | ROCHESTER | \$ 124.90 |
| 1-Feb-20 | ROCKLAND | \$ 129.81 |
| 1-Feb-20 | ROCKPORT | \$ 134.01 |
| 1-Feb-20 | ROWLEY | \$ 120.28 |
| 1-Feb-20 | ROYALSTON | \$ 102.95 |
| 1-Feb-20 | RUSSELL | \$ 144.84 |
| 1-Feb-20 | RUTLAND | \$ 121.80 |
| 1-Feb-20 | SALEM | \$ 138.54 |

| MONTH | LOCATION NAME | AVERAGE SNAP BENEFIT AMT |
|----------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| 1-Feb-20 | SALISBURY | \$ 138.69 |
| 1-Feb-20 | SANDISFIELD | \$ 160.75 |
| 1-Feb-20 | SANDWICH | \$ 136.62 |
| 1-Feb-20 | SAUGUS | \$ 133.13 |
| 1-Feb-20 | SAVOY | \$ 138.23 |
| 1-Feb-20 | SCITUATE | \$ 119.22 |
| 1-Feb-20 | SEEKONK | \$ 125.27 |
| 1-Feb-20 | SHARON | \$ 145.67 |
| 1-Feb-20 | SHEFFIELD | \$ 120.38 |
| 1-Feb-20 | SHELBURNE | \$ 138.03 |
| 1-Feb-20 | SHIRLEY | \$ 127.24 |
| 1-Feb-20 | SHREWSBURY | \$ 141.32 |
| 1-Feb-20 | SHUTESBURY | \$ 163.06 |
| 1-Feb-20 | SOMERSET | \$ 116.03 |
| 1-Feb-20 | SOMERVILLE | \$ 135.34 |
| 1-Feb-20 | SOUTH HADLEY | \$ 123.72 |
| 1-Feb-20 | SOUTHAMPTON | \$ 117.34 |
| 1-Feb-20 | SOUTHBOROUGH | \$ 136.60 |
| 1-Feb-20 | SOUTHBRIDGE | \$ 137.93 |
| 1-Feb-20 | SOUTHWICK | \$ 124.24 |
| 1-Feb-20 | SPENCER | \$ 125.53 |
| 1-Feb-20 | SPRINGFIELD | \$ 141.60 |
| 1-Feb-20 | STERLING | \$ 123.21 |
| 1-Feb-20 | STOCKBRIDGE | \$ 131.29 |
| 1-Feb-20 | STONEHAM | \$ 131.75 |
| 1-Feb-20 | STOUGHTON | \$ 140.80 |
| 1-Feb-20 | STOW | \$ 124.20 |
| 1-Feb-20 | STURBRIDGE | \$ 110.90 |
| 1-Feb-20 | SUDBURY | \$ 130.49 |
| 1-Feb-20 | SUNDERLAND | \$ 133.10 |
| 1-Feb-20 | SUTTON | \$ 120.84 |
| 1-Feb-20 | SWAMPSCOTT | \$ 137.45 |
| 1-Feb-20 | SWANSEA | \$ 118.90 |
| 1-Feb-20 | TAUNTON | \$ 133.34 |
| 1-Feb-20 | TEMPLETON | \$ 108.07 |
| 1-Feb-20 | TEWKSBURY | \$ 136.22 |
| 1-Feb-20 | TISBURY | \$ 137.03 |
| 1-Feb-20 | TOPSFIELD | \$ 133.51 |
| 1-Feb-20 | TOWNSEND | \$ 116.44 |
| 1-Feb-20 | TRURO | \$ 125.97 |
| 1-Feb-20 | TYNGSBOROUGH | \$ 128.49 |
| 1-Feb-20 | UPTON | \$ 112.06 |
| 1-Feb-20 | UXBRIDGE | \$ 119.02 |
| 1-Feb-20 | WAKEFIELD | \$ 131.23 |
| 1-Feb-20 | WALES | \$ 100.28 |

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|----------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1-Feb-20 | WALPOLE | \$ 136.50 |
| 1-Feb-20 | WALTHAM | \$ 139.33 |
| 1-Feb-20 | WARE | \$ 119.39 |
| 1-Feb-20 | WAREHAM | \$ 129.87 |
| 1-Feb-20 | WARREN | \$ 125.93 |
| 1-Feb-20 | WATERTOWN | \$ 141.68 |
| 1-Feb-20 | WAYLAND | \$ 132.73 |
| 1-Feb-20 | WEBSTER | \$ 126.81 |
| 1-Feb-20 | WELLESLEY | \$ 137.46 |
| 1-Feb-20 | WELLFLEET | \$ 128.64 |
| 1-Feb-20 | WENDELL | \$ 142.62 |
| 1-Feb-20 | WENHAM | \$ 127.52 |
| 1-Feb-20 | WEST BOYLSTON | \$ 138.61 |
| 1-Feb-20 | WEST BRIDGEWATER | \$ 121.47 |
| 1-Feb-20 | WEST BROOKFIELD | \$ 121.80 |
| 1-Feb-20 | WEST NEWBURY | \$ 123.46 |
| 1-Feb-20 | WEST SPRINGFIELD | \$ 136.16 |
| 1-Feb-20 | WESTBOROUGH | \$ 133.07 |
| 1-Feb-20 | WESTFIELD | \$ 129.44 |
| 1-Feb-20 | WESTFORD | \$ 148.01 |
| 1-Feb-20 | WESTMINSTER | \$ 108.46 |
| 1-Feb-20 | WESTON | \$ 133.72 |
| 1-Feb-20 | WESTPORT | \$ 117.15 |
| 1-Feb-20 | WESTWOOD | \$ 119.41 |
| 1-Feb-20 | WEYMOUTH | \$ 124.08 |
| 1-Feb-20 | WHITMAN | \$ 131.31 |
| 1-Feb-20 | WILBRAHAM | \$ 116.06 |
| 1-Feb-20 | WILLIAMSBURG | \$ 135.53 |
| 1-Feb-20 | WILLIAMSTOWN | \$ 124.95 |
| 1-Feb-20 | WILMINGTON | \$ 142.26 |
| 1-Feb-20 | WINCHENDON | \$ 118.15 |
| 1-Feb-20 | WINCHESTER | \$ 147.52 |
| 1-Feb-20 | WINTHROP | \$ 133.63 |
| 1-Feb-20 | WOBURN | \$ 136.89 |
| 1-Feb-20 | WORCESTER | \$ 140.40 |
| 1-Feb-20 | WORTHINGTON | \$ 112.52 |
| 1-Feb-20 | WRENTHAM | \$ 131.63 |
| 1-Feb-20 | YARMOUTH | \$ 135.92 |
| 1-Feb-20 | Not Available | \$ 155.04 |
| 1-Feb-20 | MASSACHUSETTS | \$ 136.92 |