

Proxy Statement for Release of USDA Foods – State of Michigan

A proxy is another person or organization selected by a program participant to accept a food package on their behalf. This may be for reasons such as illness, lack of transportation, scheduling, or other conflicts that make the participant unable to be present at a scheduled food distribution.

By signing this statement, the person listed below agrees to deliver the received food package to the intended recipient within an acceptable amount of time. Failure to deliver a food package to the intended recipient is in violation of the USDA regulations. **This arrangement needs to be renewed annually.**

A proxy must follow all regular program participant expectations for receiving food, including signing for food packages and following distribution site procedures. This form must be submitted annually.

I, _____
Participant Printed Name Participant Signature Date

Authorize the following individual(s) to act as my proxy:

Proxy #1 Printed Name Proxy #1 Signature Date

Proxy #2 Printed Name Proxy #2 Signature Date

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- (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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