

Supreme Court of the United States

No. 25A539

**BROOKE L. ROLLINS,
SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, ET AL.,**

Applicants,

v.

RHODE ISLAND STATE COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, ET AL.

O R D E R

The applicants are seeking a stay of two orders of the United States District Court for the District of Rhode Island, case No. 1:25-cv-569. See D. Ct. Minute Entry (Oct. 31, 2025) and Docket Number 34 (Nov. 6, 2025). These orders require the applicants to fully fund benefits for the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (“SNAP”) for the month of November, and to distribute that funding by the end of the day on November 7, 2025 (today).

Earlier today, the applicants asked the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit to stay the District Court’s orders pending appeal, and to issue an administrative stay to facilitate its consideration of that stay motion. At 6:08 p.m., the First Circuit denied the applicants’ request for an administrative stay, but stated that it “intend[s] to issue a decision on [the

stay pending appeal] motion as quickly as possible.” *Rhode Island State Council of Churches v. Rollins*, No. 25-2089 (CA1 Nov. 7, 2025).

The applicants filed an application in this Court this evening, requesting a stay of the two District Court orders “pending the disposition of the government’s appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit and, if the court of appeals affirms those orders, pending the timely filing and disposition of a petition for a writ of certiorari in this Court.” Application at 1. The applicants assert that, without intervention from this Court, they will have to “transfer an estimated \$4 billion by tonight” to fund SNAP benefits through November. *Ibid.*

Given the First Circuit’s representations, an administrative stay is required to facilitate the First Circuit’s expeditious resolution of the pending stay motion.

IT IS ORDERED that the District Court’s orders are hereby administratively stayed pending disposition of the motion for a stay pending appeal in the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit in case No. 25-2089 or further order of the undersigned or of the Court. This administrative stay will terminate forty-eight hours after the First Circuit’s resolution of the pending motion, which the First Circuit is expected to issue with dispatch.

/s/ Ketanji Brown Jackson
Associate Justice of the Supreme
Court of the United States

Dated this 7th
day of November, 2025.