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State Auditor Leslie Merritt made the following statements regarding the invalid Social Security Number (SSN) review of the State Food and Nutrition Program:

"The results of our analysis revealed that the number of invalid SSNs fall within a statistically expected error rate. I believe that even one occurrence of SSN fraud or identity theft is too many and I am pleased that DSS has agreed to make continuous improvements to their system."