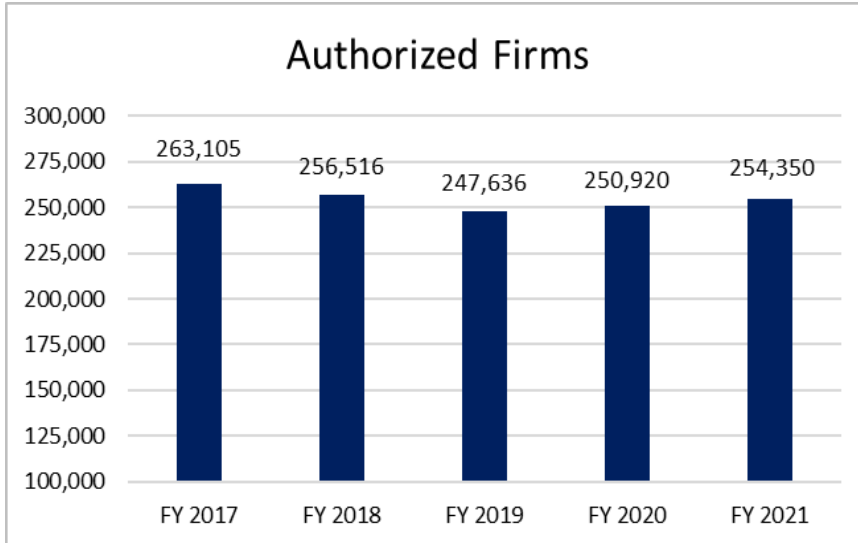


FISCAL YEAR 2021 YEAR END SUMMARY

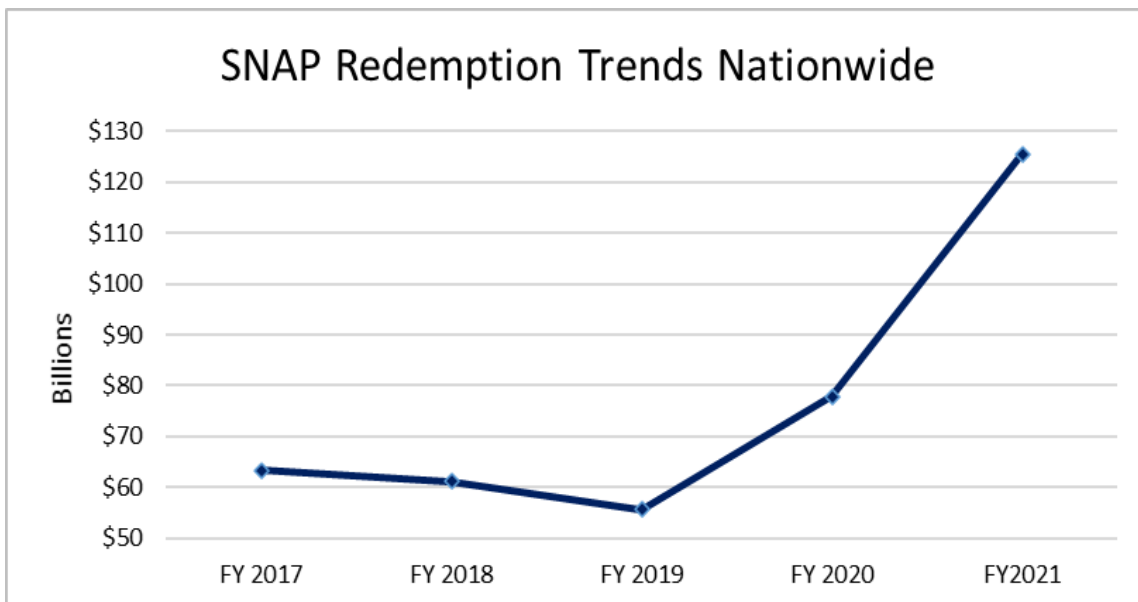
Number of SNAP Authorized Firms



- As of September 30, 2021, 254,350 firms were authorized to participate in SNAP.
- While the number of authorized firms decreased by five percent between 2017 and 2020, there was a slight increase between 2020 and 2021.

SNAP Redemptions by Fiscal Year

SNAP redemptions increased significantly in fiscal year 2021 to approximately \$125 billion; this is a sixty-one percent increase from the prior year. SNAP Emergency Allotment and Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) benefits issued in response to COVID-19 are included in these figures.



Redemptions by Firm Type

Combined, supermarkets and super stores redeem over 79% of all SNAP benefits while making up 15 percent of the total number of authorized firms. In prior years, supermarkets and super stores consistently redeemed more than 80% of all SNAP benefits. The slight drop in redemptions this fiscal year is largely offset by the increase in online shopping at many of the same supermarkets and superstores (shown as “internet retailers” below).

Firm Types	Total Firms Authorized	Percent of Total	Redemption Amount	Percent of Total
Bakery Specialty	2,171	0.85%	\$174,302,051	0.14%
Combination Grocery/Other	62,526	24.58%	\$6,692,641,091	5.33%
Convenience Store	112,529	44.24%	\$6,382,363,373	5.08%
Delivery Route	646	0.25%	\$93,691,427	0.07%
Direct Marketing Farmer	2,361	0.93%	\$25,114,636	0.02%
Farmers Market	2,984	1.17%	\$33,594,519	0.03%
Fruits/Veg Specialty	757	0.30%	\$68,714,717	0.05%
Internet Retailer	89	0.03%	\$4,963,714,985	3.95%
Large Grocery Store	3,750	1.47%	\$1,983,780,228	1.58%
Meat/Poultry Specialty	2,424	0.95%	\$513,130,557	0.41%
Medium Grocery Store	10,547	4.15%	\$2,614,812,666	2.08%
Military Commissary	184	0.07%	\$64,651,295	0.05%
Non-profit Food Buying Co-op	161	0.06%	\$10,011,651	0.01%
Seafood Specialty	1,149	0.45%	\$400,962,011	0.32%
Small Grocery Store	8,273	3.25%	\$840,723,897	0.67%
Super Store	19,364	7.61%	\$66,419,389,719	52.91%
Supermarket	18,842	7.41%	\$33,899,251,209	27.01%
Total	248,757	97.80%	\$125,180,850,033	99.73%
Communal Dining Facility	196	0.08%	\$2,968,864	0.00%
Drug and/or Alcohol Treatment Program	807	0.32%	\$37,696,289	0.03%
Group Living Arrangement	531	0.21%	\$122,372,967	0.10%
Homeless Meal Provider	132	0.05%	\$2,999,142	0.00%
Meal Delivery Service	162	0.06%	\$1,006,370	0.00%
Private Restaurant/Meal Delivery	3,591	1.41%	\$159,271,598	0.13%
Senior Citizens Center/Residential Building	162	0.06%	\$16,554,257	0.01%
Shelter for Battered Women and Children	12	0.00%	\$1,212,341	0.00%
Total	5,593	2.20%	\$344,081,829	0.27%
Total	254,350	100%	\$125,524,931,862	100%

Redemptions by Region and State

California, Texas, New York and Florida continue to have the highest number of firms and redemptions.

Region	State	Authorized Firms	Redemption Amount	Percent of Total Firms	Percent of Total Redemptions
Northeast	Connecticut	2,418	\$1,120,647,333	0.95%	0.89%
	Maine	5,458	\$414,406,996	2.15%	0.33%
	Massachusetts	1,441	\$2,846,807,830	0.57%	2.27%
	New Hampshire	1,065	\$283,166,191	0.42%	0.23%
	New York	16,910	\$7,748,458,348	6.65%	6.17%
	Rhode Island	945	\$395,581,140	0.37%	0.32%
	Vermont	680	\$134,203,373	0.27%	0.11%
	Virgin Islands	109	\$89,810,674	0.04%	0.07%
	Region Totals	29,026	\$13,033,081,885	11.41%	10.38%
Mid-Atlantic	Delaware	806	\$408,009,763	0.32%	0.33%
	District of Columbia	445	\$245,010,508	0.17%	0.20%
	Maryland	3,610	\$2,507,780,481	1.42%	2.00%
	New Jersey	5,807	\$2,600,937,070	2.28%	2.07%
	Pennsylvania	10,110	\$5,424,174,234	3.97%	4.32%
	Virginia	6,298	\$2,648,514,399	2.48%	2.11%
	West Virginia	2,148	\$904,914,176	0.84%	0.72%
		Region Totals	29,224	\$14,739,340,632	11.49%
Southeast	Alabama	4,731	\$2,091,558,821	1.86%	1.67%
	Florida	15,158	\$8,657,944,112	5.96%	6.90%
	Georgia	9,767	\$3,983,963,047	3.84%	3.17%
	Kentucky	4,576	\$2,105,965,696	1.80%	1.68%
	Mississippi	3,113	\$1,152,149,926	1.22%	0.92%
	North Carolina	8,969	\$4,675,372,778	3.53%	3.72%
	South Carolina	5,065	\$1,877,163,165	1.99%	1.50%
	Tennessee	6,396	\$2,741,295,505	2.51%	2.18%
		Region Totals	57,775	\$27,285,413,048	22.71%
Southwest	Arkansas	2,584	\$925,122,195	1.02%	0.74%
	Arizona	4,579	\$2,763,466,089	1.80%	2.20%
	Louisiana	4,306	\$2,639,402,516	1.69%	2.10%
	New Mexico	1,631	\$1,376,523,309	0.64%	1.10%
	Oklahoma	3,567	\$1,445,781,938	1.40%	1.15%
	Texas	20,898	\$11,256,691,167	8.22%	8.97%
	Utah	1,522	\$466,689,203	0.60%	0.37%
		Region Totals	39,087	\$20,873,676,417	15.37%

Redemptions by Region and State (continued)

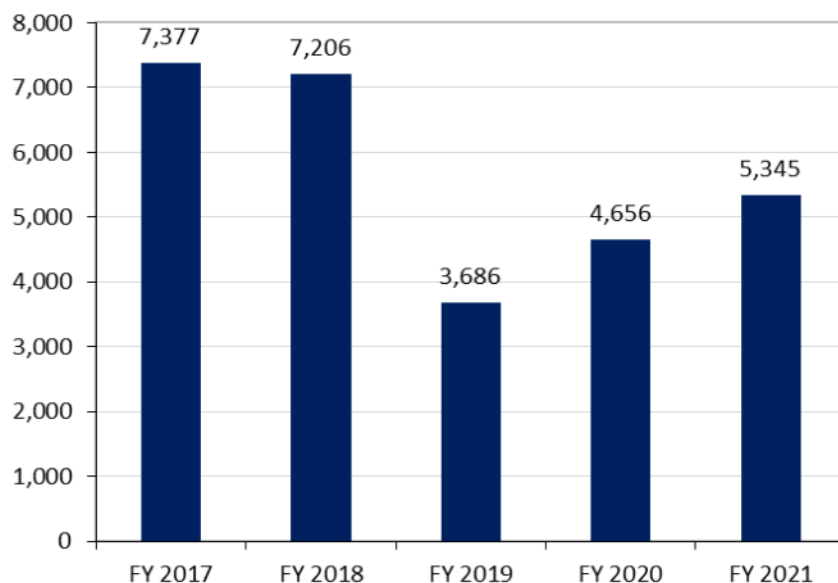
Region	State	Authorized Firms	Redemption Amount	Percent of Total Firms	Percent of Total Redemptions
Midwest	Illinois	9,406	\$5,888,058,742	3.70%	4.69%
	Indiana	5,480	\$2,063,411,985	2.15%	1.64%
	Iowa	2,975	\$838,287,907	1.17%	0.67%
	Michigan	9,614	\$3,744,554,657	3.78%	2.98%
	Minnesota	3,524	\$1,308,313,783	1.39%	1.04%
	Ohio	9,883	\$4,504,803,190	3.89%	3.59%
	Wisconsin	4,262	\$2,056,210,101	1.68%	1.64%
	Region Totals	45,144	\$20,403,640,365	17.75%	16.25%
Mountain Plains	Colorado	3,050	\$1,424,497,808	1.20%	1.13%
	Kansas	2,057	\$513,994,026	0.81%	0.41%
	Missouri	4,873	\$1,796,449,726	1.92%	1.43%
	Montana	804	\$266,752,255	0.32%	0.21%
	Nebraska	1,360	\$391,166,422	0.53%	0.31%
	North Dakota	587	\$139,800,489	0.23%	0.11%
	South Dakota	762	\$187,790,942	0.30%	0.15%
	Wyoming	368	\$79,544,719	0.14%	0.06%
Region Totals	13,861	\$4,799,996,387	5.45%	3.82%	
Western	Alaska	538	\$294,639,225	0.21%	0.23%
	California	27,084	\$11,783,916,146	10.65%	9.39%
	Guam	236	\$146,550,245	0.09%	0.12%
	Hawaii	928	\$1,030,330,026	0.36%	0.82%
	Idaho	1,106	\$305,867,765	0.43%	0.24%
	Nevada	1,904	\$1,166,832,952	0.75%	0.93%
	Oregon	3,428	\$1,832,011,008	1.35%	1.46%
	Washington	4,920	\$2,865,920,777	1.93%	2.28%
Region Totals	40,144	\$19,426,068,144	15.78%	15.48%	
Internet Retailers*		89	\$4,963,714,985	0.03%	3.95%
National Totals		254,350	\$125,524,931,862	100.00%	100.00%

*Region and State redemption totals exclude internet retailers.

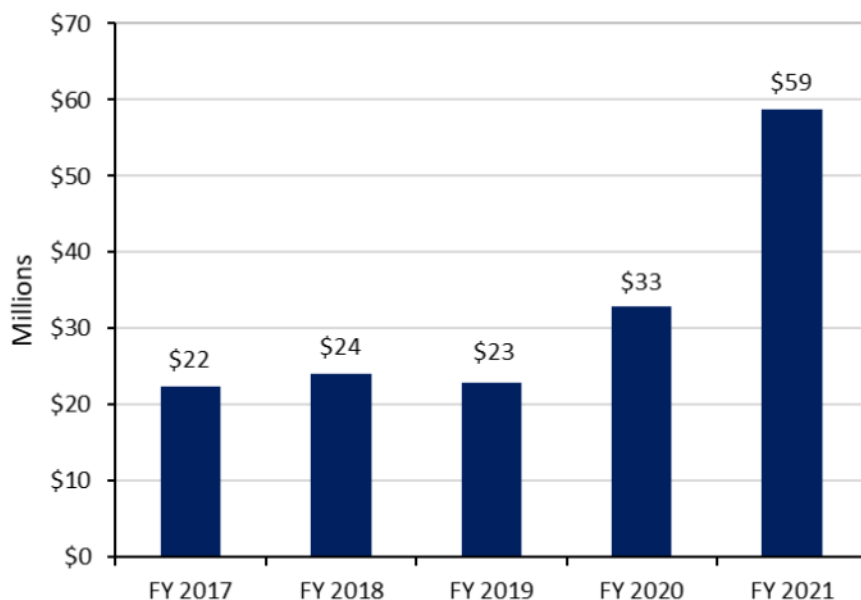
Farmers Markets and Direct Marketing Farmers

- Since 2020, the number of authorized farmers markets and direct marketing farmers increased by 15%. In alignment with overall increases in SNAP benefit redemption due to COVID-19 related benefits, redemptions at farmers markets and direct marketing farmers increased by 79% in the same period.
- Over 50 percent of all authorized markets and farmers are found in twelve States: California 526, Massachusetts 410, New York 329, Michigan 270, Washington 176, Ohio 175, Pennsylvania 165, Oregon 163, North Carolina 156, Iowa 151, Florida 147 and Indiana 139.

Number of Authorized Markets and Farmers



Total Redemptions for Markets and Farmers



Key Facts

- Since 2017, farmers market and direct marketing farmer redemptions have increased by 162 percent.
- In fiscal year 2021, SNAP households made 2,200,069 purchases at farmers markets and direct marketing farmers nationwide. The average purchase amount was \$27.00.
- Consistent with prior years, more SNAP benefits were redeemed at farmers markets and direct marketing farmers in fiscal year 2021 during August than any other month of the year.
- 572,769 SNAP households made at least one purchase at a farmers market or direct marketing farmer in fiscal year 2021, an increase of 42% since 2020.
- 47 percent of the 572,769 households that shopped at a farmers market or direct marketing farmer made one purchase; another 18 percent made two purchases; and 35 percent made three or more purchases within the year. These percentages have remained relatively unchanged over a ten-year period.

Operational Retailer Management Activity

Authorizations:

Initial Authorization	21,742
Reinstatement	3,971
Total Authorizations	25,713

Reauthorizations:

41,019

Applicants Denied:

Did Not Meet SNAP Eligibility Criteria	1,726
Business Integrity Issue	24
Failed to Pay Assessed Monetary Penalty	20
Failed to Cooperate with Information Request	5
Denied for Other Reasons	4
Total Denials	1,779

Participating Firms Withdrawn :

Voluntarily Withdrew	8,326
No SNAP Transaction Activity	4,962
Did Not Respond to Reauthorization	4,550
Did Not Meet SNAP Eligibility Criteria	1,526
Failed to Cooperate with Information Request	78
Business Integrity Issue	19
Failed to Pay Assessed Monetary Penalty	14
Withdrawn for Other Reasons	13
Total Withdrawals	19,488

Total Actions

87,999

Compliance Activity

In fiscal year 2021, FNS identified 27,862 firms as potential compliance violators and conducted 11,273 investigations of authorized retail firms to determine compliance with program regulations.

FNS may sanction or warn retailers found violating Program rules. Sanctions include permanent or time-limited term disqualifications and civil money penalties. Retailers who commit minor violations are issued official warning letters. Retailers who are disqualified permanently and later sell their stores are also subject to a transfer of ownership civil money penalty.

Sanctions		Total
Time-Limited Term Disqualification		1,155
Permanent Disqualifications		1,595
Hardship CMP		345
Trafficking Civil Money Penalty (CMP)		4
	Total Sanction Actions	3,099
Other Compliance Actions		Total
Transfer of Ownership CMP		102
Official Warning		784
Involuntary Withdrawal (for other than non-redemption)		299
Permanent Involuntary Withdrawal		12
Fiscal Claim		162
Unauthorized Acceptance Fine		15
	Total Compliance Actions	1,374
Total Sanctions + Compliance Actions		4,473

Sanctions by Firm Type

Firm Type	Time-Limited Term Disqualification	Permanent Disqualification	Hardship Civil Money Penalty in Lieu of Time Limited Term Disqualification	Trafficking Civil Money Penalty in Lieu of Permanent Disqualification	Total
Bakery Specialty	0	1	1	0	2
Combination Grocery/Other	23	15	6	1	45
Convenience Store	880	1,193	202	3	2,278
Delivery Route	0	1	0	0	1
Fruits/Veg Specialty	1	1	1	0	3
Large Grocery Store	3	4	1	0	8
Meat/Poultry Specialty	1	1	0	0	2
Medium Grocery Store	39	43	34	0	116
Seafood Specialty	0	1	0	0	1
Small Grocery Store	205	355	96	0	636
Supermarket	0	0	3	0	3
Super Store	3	0	1	0	4
Total	1,155	1,595	345	4	3,099

Sanctions by State

State	Time-Limited Term Disqualification	Permanent Disqualification	Hardship CMP in Lieu of Term Disqualification	Trafficking CMP in Lieu of Permanent Disqualification	Total
AK	0	1	0	0	1
AL	25	8	9	0	42
AR	4	4	2	0	10
AZ	14	4	5	0	23
CA	156	110	53	0	319
CO	3	2	0	0	5
CT	27	65	3	0	95
DC	0	10	1	0	11
DE	3	7	3	0	13
FL	61	85	23	1	170
GA	49	51	30	0	130
GU	0	0	0	0	0
HI	17	4	3	0	24
IA	3	1	2	0	6
ID	0	1	0	0	1
IL	24	73	8	0	105
IN	3	5	0	0	8
KS	2	1	0	0	3
KY	4	4	0	0	8
LA	4	10	0	0	14
MA	21	28	6	0	55
MD	10	29	7	0	46
ME	0	1	0	0	1
MI	6	9	2	0	17
MN	13	4	2	0	19
MO	1	19	0	0	20
MS	1	2	1	0	4
MT	0	0	1	0	1
NC	36	47	15	0	98
ND	0	0	1	0	1
NE	0	0	0	0	0
NH	3	3	0	0	6
NJ	74	82	10	0	166
NM	4	6	5	0	15
NV	6	3	2	0	11
NY	339	648	66	0	1,053
OH	6	12	1	0	19

Sanctions by State (continued)

State	Time-Limited Term Disqualification	Permanent Disqualification	Hardship CMP in Lieu of Term Disqualification	Trafficking CMP in Lieu of Permanent Disqualification	Total
OK	15	6	3	0	24
OR	11	9	8	0	28
PA	36	55	11	0	102
RI	0	3	1	0	4
SC	3	3	6	0	12
SD	0	0	0	0	0
TN	7	38	5	0	50
TX	113	98	22	3	236
UT	1	1	2	0	4
VA	11	22	7	0	40
VI	0	0	0	0	0
VT	0	0	1	0	1
WA	18	12	14	0	44
WI	16	8	3	0	27
WV	5	1	1	0	7
WY	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1,155	1,595	345	4	3,099

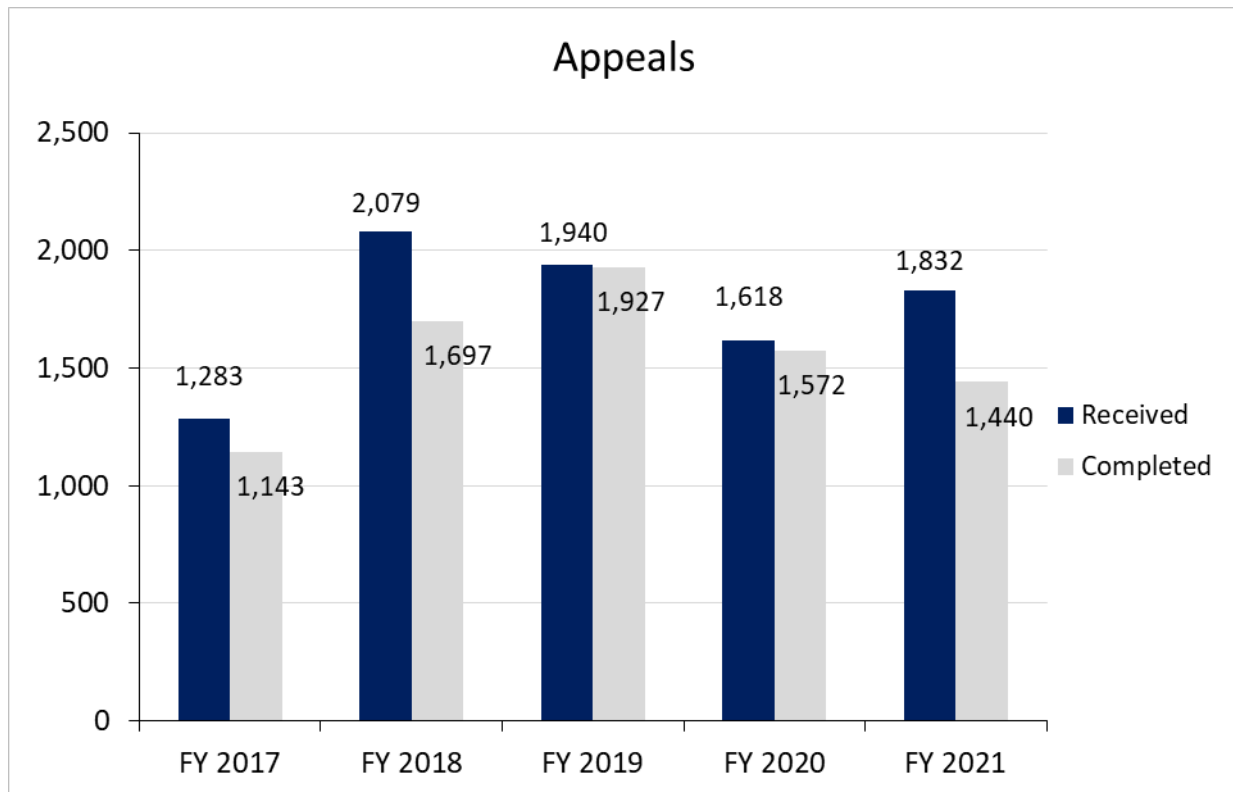
Administrative Review

FNS performs the final administrative review of retailers aggrieved of an FNS action to deny, withdraw or disqualify their firm. There was a slight increase in the number of administrative review requests from 1,618 in fiscal year 2020 to 1,832 in fiscal year 2021. 81 percent of cases were upheld in fiscal year 2021.

Case Decisions

Case Decision	Total	Percent
Sustained	1,160	81%
Reversed	49	3%
Moot*	170	12%
Modified	61	4%
Total	1,440	100%

*Request was withdrawn or sufficient basis for the review was not provided.



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