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Terry L. Morton
Commissioner

August 11, 1998

Robert L. Canavan, Director
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USDA Food and Nutrition Service
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Boston, MA 02222-1060

Dear Mr. Canavan:

On September 29, 1997, New Hampshire requested a waiver to exempt individuals in Coos County from Section 6(o) of the Food Stamp Act, as amended by Section 824 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996. Your agency approved the request effective through September 30, 1998. The reason cited for approval was the designation of Coos County as a Labor Surplus Area.

To ensure continuity of Food Stamp Program waivers, it is customary to apply for extensions 60 days in advance of termination. However, in this case relevant data to ensure a scholarly appraisal of the economic conditions in Coos County are not yet available, such as County population estimates and the determination whether to re-designate the area as a Labor Surplus Area.

It is, therefore, respectfully requested that this waiver be extended for a period of six months, until March 31, 1999, to allow time for data to be available, a study to be completed, and a waiver extension request to be submitted.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Terry Morton".

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