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**United States
Department of
Agriculture**

Food and Consumer
Service

Northeast Region

10 Causeway Street, Room 501
Boston, MA 02222



Date:

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Reply to Attention of:

ABAWD Waiver Extension Request, New York (NY)

Subject:

To:

Art Foley, Director
Program Development Division

Attached is a February 9, 1999, request from the NY Department of Labor to exempt individuals from Section 6(o) of the Food Stamp Act, as amended by Section 824 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act of 1996.

The State agency requests an extension of its two current waivers #970143 and 970144, due to expire February 28, 1999, with the following modifications.

The October 1, 1998, listing of the Labor Surplus Areas (LSAs) now includes Cortland County, Lockport City, Rochester City and Sullivan County. In addition, the following areas are no longer included as LSAs: Binghamton City, Hempstead Village and Orleans County.

We recommend approval of these waivers. If you need more information about this waiver request, please contact Susan Mahan at (617) 565-6382.

Mary Ann Ferris, Chief
State Program Improvement
Food Stamp Program
Northeast Region

Attachment



The Food and Consumer Service, formerly the Food and Nutrition Service





STATE OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

GOVERNOR W. AVERELL HARRIMAN
STATE OFFICE BUILDING CAMPUS
ALBANY, NEW YORK 12240

February 9, 1999

Mr. Robert L. Canavan
Director
Food Stamp Program, Northeast Region
U.S. Department of Agriculture
10 Causeway Street, Room 501
Boston, Massachusetts 02222

Dear Mr. Canavan:

We hereby request a waiver of the applicability of paragraph (2) of Section 6 (o) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2015), as added by Section 824 of Title VIII of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, which relates to work requirements for able-bodied adults without dependents.

Such waiver would be in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph (A) of paragraph (4) of Section 6 (o) and would apply as indicated below.

Areas with Unemployment Rates Above 10 Percent:

Hamilton and Bronx counties had unemployment rates that averaged above 10 percent for the period November 1997 – October 1998. Specifically, Hamilton County's unemployment rate averaged 11.5 percent, and Bronx County averaged 10.04 percent. New York intends to self-certify these counties as eligible for the waiver, unless the chief elected official opts not to apply the waiver authority granted.

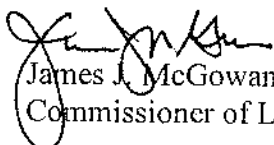
Labor Surplus Areas:

New York seeks waiver approval for the civil jurisdictions designated as labor surplus areas. The enclosed list of labor surplus areas for New York State appeared in the October 1998 issue of Area Trends in Employment and Unemployment prepared by the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration.

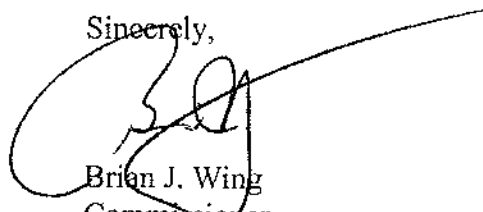
Upon USDA waiver approval of these jurisdictions, New York State will apply the waiver, effective March 1, 1999, through February 29, 2000, where the chief elected official does not opt out of such waiver. New York State will notify USDA of any jurisdictions that elect not to use the waiver and of the effective date of such elections.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


James J. McGowan
Commissioner of Labor

Sincerely,


Brian J. Wing
Commissioner
Office of Temporary and
Disability Assistance

Enclosure

**Labor Surplus Areas Eligible For Federal Procurement Preference
From October 1, 1998 – September 30, 1999**

<u>Eligible Labor Surplus Areas</u>	<u>Civil Jurisdictions Included</u>
Allegany County	Allegany County
Auburn City	Auburn City in Cayuga County
Bronx County	Bronx County
Buffalo City	Buffalo City in Erie County
Cattaraugus County	Cattaraugus County
Chenango County	Chenango County
Clinton County	Clinton County
Cortland County	Cortland County
Elmira City	Elmira City in Chemung County
Essex County	Essex County
Franklin County	Franklin County
Fulton County	Fulton County
Greene County	Greene County
Hamilton County	Hamilton County
Herkimer County	Herkimer County
Balance of Jefferson County	Jefferson County less Watertown City
Kings County	Kings County
Lewis County	Lewis County
Lockport City	Lockport City, Niagara County
Montgomery County	Montgomery County
New York County	New York County
Newburgh City	Newburgh City in Orange County
Niagara Falls City	Niagara Falls City, Niagara County
Oswego County	Oswego County
Poughkeepsie City	Poughkeepsie City, Dutchess County
Queens County	Queens County
Richmond County	Richmond County
Rochester City	Rochester City, Monroe County
Schenectady City	Schenectady City in Schenectady County
St. Lawrence County	St. Lawrence County
Sullivan County	Sullivan County
Syracuse City	Syracuse City, Onondaga County
Troy City	Troy City in Rensselaer County
Utica City	Utica City in Oneida County

Eligible Labor Surplus Areas

Balance of Warren County

Watertown City

Wyoming County

Civil Jurisdictions Included

Warren County less

Queensbury Town

Watertown City, Jefferson County

Wyoming County

Comparison of the New List Effective October 1, 1998
With the Previous List

Added October 1, 1998

Cortland County

Lockport City

Rochester City

Sullivan County

Deleted October 1, 1998

Binghamton City

Hempstead Village

Orleans County

Source: Area Trends In Employment and Unemployment, Employment and
Training Administration, October, 1998.