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Mercer Corporate Park  
300 Corporate Boulevard  
Robbinsville, N.J. 08691-1598



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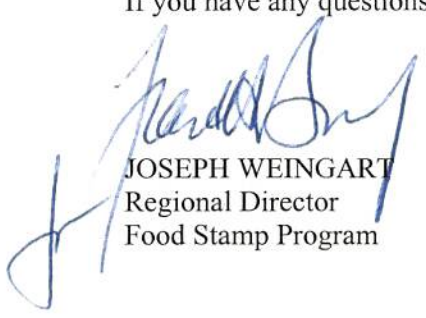
Pennsylvania request for additional ABAWD exempt  
areas

To:

Arthur Foley  
Director  
Program Development Division  
Food Stamp Program

Attached for your review is a request from Pennsylvania to add three additional areas to locales which are exempt from ABAWD requirements. These sites were identified as Labor Surplus Areas (LSA) in the October 21, 1998 Federal Register. The State's initial waiver request was based on a September 1998 listing of designated areas in the State.

If you have any questions, please contact Joe Yehl (609-259-5069).

  
JOSEPH WEINGART  
Regional Director  
Food Stamp Program





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Mr. Joseph Weingart  
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Dear Mr. Weingart:

Thank you for your response to my April 6, 1999 letter requesting a waiver of the work requirement, set forth in Section 824 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA) that amends Section 6 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7U.S.C. 2015). I am requesting the addition of New Casile, Reading, and York cities to our initial waiver request of the work requirement. These additional cities are identified as Labor Surplus Areas (LSAs) in the Federal Register/Vol. 63 No. 203/Wednesday October 21, 1998/Notices (attached). In the LSAs, it is reasonable to expect that Food Stamp clients will not be able to obtain employment within the three months allowed to meet the work requirements. Our initial waiver request was based on a September 1998 LSA listing of the designated areas in the State.

As you know, Section 824 of PRWORA of 1996 amends Section 6. The work requirement established by this section requires individuals to work an average of 20-hours per week to maintain eligibility for Food Stamps. If not engaged in a work activity, the Food Stamp benefits are limited to 33 months out of 36. Section (o)(4) permits a state to request a waiver of the application of the work requirement for any group of individuals in the state who reside in an area which has an unemployment rate of over 10 percent or does not have a sufficient number of jobs available for individuals.

Thank you for your consideration of these additional cities to our initial waiver request.

Sincerely,

Feather O. Houstoun

Attachment

**LABOR SURPLUS AREAS ELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL PROCUREMENT PREFERENCE—Continued**  
(October 1, 1998 through September 30, 1999)

| Eligible Labor Surplus Areas | Civil Jurisdictions Included     |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>SEQUOYAH COUNTY</b>       | <b>SEQUOYAH COUNTY</b>           |
| <b>OREGON</b>                |                                  |
| BAKER COUNTY                 | BAKER COUNTY                     |
| BEND CITY                    | BEND CITY IN DESCHUTES COUNTY    |
| CLATSOP COUNTY               | CLATSOP COUNTY                   |
| COOS COUNTY                  | COOS COUNTY                      |
| CROOK COUNTY                 | CROOK COUNTY                     |
| CURRY COUNTY                 | CURRY COUNTY                     |
| BALANCE OF DESCHUTES COUNTY  | DESCHUTES COUNTY LESS BEND CITY  |
| DOUGLAS COUNTY               | DOUGLAS COUNTY                   |
| GRANT COUNTY                 | GRANT COUNTY                     |
| HARNEY COUNTY                | HARNEY COUNTY                    |
| HOOD RIVER COUNTY            | HOOD RIVER COUNTY                |
| BALANCE OF JACKSON COUNTY    | JACKSON COUNTY LESS MEDFORD CITY |
| JEFFERSON COUNTY             | JEFFERSON COUNTY                 |
| JOSEPHINE COUNTY             | JOSEPHINE COUNTY                 |
| KLAMATH COUNTY               | KLAMATH COUNTY                   |
| LAKE COUNTY                  | LAKE COUNTY                      |
| LINCOLN COUNTY               | LINCOLN COUNTY                   |
| BALANCE OF LINN COUNTY       | LINN COUNTY LESS ALBANY CITY     |
| MALHEUR COUNTY               | MALHEUR COUNTY                   |
| MEDFORD CITY                 | MEDFORD CITY IN JACKSON COUNTY   |
| MORROW COUNTY                | MORROW COUNTY                    |
| SHERMAN COUNTY               | SHERMAN COUNTY                   |
| SPRINGFIELD CITY             | SPRINGFIELD CITY IN LANE COUNTY  |
| UMATILLA COUNTY              | UMATILLA COUNTY                  |
| UNION COUNTY                 | UNION COUNTY                     |
| WALLOWA COUNTY               | WALLOWA COUNTY                   |
| WASCO COUNTY                 | WASCO COUNTY                     |
| WHEELER COUNTY               | WHEELER COUNTY                   |

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| ALLENTOWN CITY               | ALLENTOWN CITY IN LEHIGH COUNTY          |
| ALTOONA CITY                 | ALTOONA CITY IN BLAIR COUNTY             |
| ARMSTRONG COUNTY             | ARMSTRONG COUNTY                         |
| BEDFORD COUNTY               | BEDFORD COUNTY                           |
| BALANCE OF CAMBRIA COUNTY    | CAMBRIA COUNTY LESS JOHNSTOWN CITY       |
| CAMERON COUNTY               | CAMERON COUNTY                           |
| CARSON COUNTY                | CARSON COUNTY                            |
| CHESTER CITY                 | CHESTER CITY IN DELAWARE COUNTY          |
| CLARION COUNTY               | CLARION COUNTY                           |
| CLEARFIELD COUNTY            | CLEARFIELD COUNTY                        |
| CLINTON COUNTY               | CLINTON COUNTY                           |
| COLUMBIA COUNTY              | COLUMBIA COUNTY                          |
| ERIE CITY                    | ERIE CITY IN ERIE COUNTY                 |
| FAYETTE COUNTY               | FAYETTE COUNTY                           |
| FOREST COUNTY                | FOREST COUNTY                            |
| FULTON COUNTY                | FULTON COUNTY                            |
| GREENE COUNTY                | GREENE COUNTY                            |
| HAZLETON CITY                | HAZLETON CITY IN LUZERNE COUNTY          |
| HUNTINGDON COUNTY            | HUNTINGDON COUNTY                        |
| INDIANA COUNTY               | INDIANA COUNTY                           |
| JEFFERSON COUNTY             | JEFFERSON COUNTY                         |
| JOHNSTOWN CITY               | JOHNSTOWN CITY IN CAMBRIA COUNTY         |
| JUNIATA COUNTY               | JUNIATA COUNTY                           |
| BALANCE OF LACKAWANNA COUNTY | LACKAWANNA COUNTY LESS SCRANTON CITY     |
| BALANCE OF LUZERNE COUNTY    | LUZERNE COUNTY LESS HAZLETON CITY        |
|                              | WILKES-BARRE CITY                        |
| MCKEESPORT CITY              | MCKEESPORT CITY IN ALLEGHENY COUNTY      |
| MIFFLIN COUNTY               | MIFFLIN COUNTY                           |
| MONROE COUNTY                | MONROE COUNTY                            |
| NEW CASTLE CITY              | NEW CASTLE CITY IN LAWRENCE COUNTY       |
| NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY        | NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY                    |
| PHILADELPHIA CITY            | PHILADELPHIA CITY IN PHILADELPHIA COUNTY |
| POTTER COUNTY                | POTTER COUNTY                            |
| READING CITY                 | READING CITY IN BERKS COUNTY             |
| SCHUYLKILL COUNTY            | SCHUYLKILL COUNTY                        |
| SCRANTON CITY                | SCRANTON CITY IN LACKAWANNA COUNTY       |
| SOMERSET COUNTY              | SOMERSET COUNTY                          |

**LABOR SURPLUS AREAS ELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL PROCUREMENT PREFERENCE—Continued**  
 [October 1, 1986 through September 30, 1999]

| Eligible Labor Surplus Areas                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Civil Jurisdictions Included                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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