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February 7, 2000

Gilbert Camacho, Regional Director
Food Stamp Program
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Food and Nutrition Service
61 Forsyth Street, Suite 8F36
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Dear Mr. Camacho:

Attached please find our request to extend Waiver #970225, to exempt twenty-four Alabama counties from the provision of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 which limits eligibility for certain able-bodied adults who are not working or participating in a work or training program or workfare. This waiver extension is requested because these counties continue to experience an unemployment rate that is at least 120% of the national unemployment rate and they are designated as Labor Surplus Areas for FY 2000.

Please advise if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

Terrie Reid, Interim Director
Food Stamp Division

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Enclosure

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Attachment 1

ALABAMA'S ELIGIBLE LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

Employers located in labor surplus areas, as classified by the Department of Labor, can be given preference in bidding on Federal procurement contracts. The purpose in providing such preference is to help direct the government's procurement dollars into areas where people are in the most severe economic need, i.e., areas with the highest rates of unemployment. Employers located in labor surplus areas and interested in bidding on Federal contracts should consult the "Commerce Business Daily" which lists Federal contract requirements and indicates those to be awarded under preference procedures. This list is in effect from October 1, 1999 until September 30, 2000.

<u>ELIGIBLE LABOR SURPLUS AREA</u>	<u>CIVIL JURISDICTIONS INCLUDED</u>
* Anniston City	Anniston City in Calhoun County
* Barbour County	Barbour County
* Bibb County	Bibb County
* Bullock County	Bullock County
* Butler County	Butler County
* Choctaw County	Choctaw County
* Clarke County	Clarke County
* Colbert County	Colbert County
* Conecuh County	Conecuh County
* Covington County	Covington County
* Crenshaw County	Crenshaw County
* Dallas County	Dallas County
* Escambia County	Escambia County
* Fayette County	Fayette County
* Florence City	Florence City in Lauderdale County
* Franklin County	Franklin County
* Gadsden City	Gadsden City in Etowah County
* Geneva County	Geneva County
* Greene County	Greene County
* Hale County	Hale County
* Jackson County	Jackson County
* Lamar County	Lamar County
* Lawrence County	Lawrence County
* Lowndes County	Lowndes County
* Macon County	Macon County
* Marengo County	Marengo County
* Marion County	Marion County
* Monroe County	Monroe County
* Perry County	Perry County
* Pickens County	Pickens County
* Prichard City	Prichard City in Mobile County
* Sumter County	Sumter County
* Talladega County	Talladega County
* Walker County	Walker County
* Washington County	Washington County
* Wilcox County	Wilcox County
* Winston County	Winston County

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WAIVER REQUEST

1. Waiver serial number: 970225

2. Type of request: Extension

3. State: Alabama

Contact Person: Mary Lois Monroe, Policy Specialist
Food Stamp Division
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4. Region: Southeast

5. Regulatory requirements: The Food Stamp Act, as amended, limits eligibility to three months in a 36 month period for certain able-bodied adults who are not working or participating in a work or training program for at least 20 hours a week or in workfare.

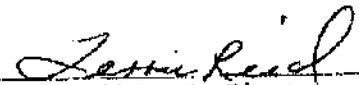
6. Category under which waiver is being requested: Lack of sufficient jobs to provide employment for these individuals.

7. Areas covered by the request: The State of Alabama is requesting a waiver for food stamp recipients residing in the following counties: Bibb, Bullock, Choctaw, Clarke, Colbert, Conecuh, Covington, Escambia, Fayette, Franklin, Geneva, Hale, Jackson, Lamar, Lawrence, Macon, Marengo, Marion, Perry, Pickens, Sumter, Talladega, Walker and Winston.

8. Basis for request: All of these counties are designated as labor surplus areas for FY 2000, as determined by the Department of Labor. (See Attachment I) These counties also continued to have an average unemployment rate for FY 1999 that is at least 20% above the national average for the same period. (See Attachment II)

9. Duration of the waiver: We are requesting this extension for one year.

10. Signature and title
of requesting official:


Terrie Reid, Interim Director
Food Stamp Division
Alabama Department of Human Resources

11. Date of request: February 7, 2000.

Attachment II

FY 1998 Unemployment Statistics

COUNTY	Oct-98	Nov-98	Dec-98	Jan-99	Feb-99	Mar-99	Apr-99	May-99	Jun-99	Jul-99	Aug-99	Sep-99	AVG
Autauga	3.1	3.3	3.1	3.3	3.2	3.1	3.5	3.3	4.4	3.9	4.3	4.3	3.6
Baldwin	3.4	2.8	2.3	3.4	3.3	2.6	3.2	3.2	3.0	3.1	3.0	3.2	3.1
Barbour	5.1	4.4	3.3	3.0	3.9	3.5	4.2	4.8	5.9	4.5	5.1	5.0	4.5
Bibb	6.4	5.6	4.4	6.7	6.3	5.7	6.6	6.0	7.7	6.0	6.2	5.8	6.0
Blount	3.5	2.7	2.2	2.5	2.7	2.5	2.7	2.4	3.2	2.8	2.6	3.1	2.7
Bullock	12.8	11.1	8.7	8.1	7.3	6.8	6.8	8.7	10.7	11.0	12.1	11.3	9.5
Butler	11.0	9.4	8.6	8.7	10.3	9.7	9.7	11.1	15.9	16.1	17.6	17.3	12.2
Calthoun	3.0	4.6	3.3	4.3	4.6	4.2	4.5	4.0	5.5	4.4	4.8	5.0	4.6
Chambers	4.0	3.2	3.8	3.1	3.6	3.8	3.7	4.6	5.4	4.7	5.3	4.8	4.2
Cherokee	4.4	5.0	4.0	4.5	4.9	4.3	4.6	4.6	6.0	4.9	5.1	4.9	4.7
Chilton	5.4	4.2	3.2	3.4	3.7	3.2	3.4	3.5	4.5	3.3	4.1	3.7	3.8
Choctaw	10.5	8.9	8.0	9.3	9.6	9.1	9.9	9.7	11.3	8.2	8.3	8.6	9.3
Clarke	8.7	7.6	6.0	6.7	7.4	7.5	9.4	9.0	10.8	8.3	8.3	6.0	6.7
Clay	3.4	3.1	3.7	4.0	5.1	4.3	4.5	5.0	6.5	7.0	5.7	5.3	4.9
Cleburne	4.0	7.7	3.1	3.7	4.4	3.8	4.3	3.8	6.4	3.6	3.6	3.7	4.4
Coffee	3.7	4.0	3.5	4.0	4.6	3.8	3.9	3.7	4.6	4.0	4.4	4.4	4.1
Colbert	6.5	5.7	5.1	6.0	6.5	5.6	5.6	6.1	6.2	6.5	6.9	7.2	6.3
Conecuh	9.0	8.0	6.0	7.2	6.8	7.5	8.1	8.0	9.9	7.3	9.8	8.0	8.0
Coosa	3.8	4.7	6.0	4.8	4.0	4.4	6.2	5.2	6.7	4.5	5.4	6.4	5.2
Covington	7.5	6.9	6.1	7.6	7.3	6.8	7.1	6.9	9.3	7.4	6.5	8.5	7.5
Crenshaw	8.6	7.5	8.5	10.6	11.8	10.8	10.8	10.4	11.0	9.7	10.8	10.1	10.0
Cullman	3.2	2.9	2.6	2.9	3.0	2.8	3.3	3.6	5.0	4.2	4.0	4.2	3.5
Dale	4.1	3.5	3.1	3.9	4.2	3.9	4.2	4.3	5.8	4.6	4.9	4.9	4.3
Dallas	11.2	9.5	7.9	8.7	8.6	8.3	8.7	9.2	12.0	10.4	12.4	12.4	10.8
DeKalb	4.6	3.7	3.1	3.8	3.9	3.6	3.9	3.8	4.5	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.8
Frankie	2.9	2.7	2.5	3.1	3.1	2.8	3.0	3.1	3.6	2.7	3.1	3.1	3.0
Escambia	6.6	5.6	4.7	5.5	5.7	6.3	6.3	6.4	7.4	6.0	6.2	6.1	6.0
Etowah	6.8	5.6	4.6	5.6	6.7	6.5	6.8	6.7	7.9	7.1	6.8	6.8	6.5
Fayette	5.9	7.9	5.7	4.2	5.2	8.5	11.3	10.4	12.4	13.6	10.5	10.3	8.8
Franklin	7.6	6.0	5.5	6.1	9.5	5.9	8.8	7.0	7.8	6.0	6.7	6.7	6.8
Geneva	6.8	9.7	8.8	6.5	6.9	6.6	9.0	8.6	8.7	6.9	6.7	6.4	8.7
Greene	12.7	11.7	10.1	11.3	12.8	11.4	11.7	10.6	13.4	11.3	12.4	10.6	11.7
Hale	7.7	6.7	5.2	6.6	7.1	6.4	6.9	7.0	9.0	6.7	7.7	7.0	7.0
Henry	4.9	6.4	3.7	2.6	5.1	5.1	5.4	6.3	5.7	4.7	6.0	5.3	6.2
Houston	3.3	3.3	2.5	3.3	3.6	3.1	3.5	3.7	4.1	3.2	3.8	3.8	3.4
Jackson	5.4	5.3	4.6	6.0	6.3	5.1	5.4	5.7	7.6	5.7	6.5	5.1	5.6
Jefferson	3.4	2.9	2.4	2.6	2.9	2.7	3.1	3.0	3.8	3.1	3.5	3.5	3.1
Lamar	6.9	6.4	4.8	5.3	7.5	6.5	7.6	6.7	12.0	6.6	11.5	8.8	8.0
Lauderdale	6.2	6.3	4.9	5.1	5.2	4.6	5.1	6.5	7.9	6.1	6.5	6.4	6.8
Lawrence	6.9	5.0	4.2	4.9	6.4	4.6	5.1	5.6	7.9	5.3	5.5	6.0	5.5
Lee	3.3	2.6	2.2	2.4	2.7	2.6	3.4	3.5	4.1	3.4	3.9	3.7	3.2
Limestone	3.4	3.1	2.6	3.0	3.3	3.2	2.9	3.0	4.1	3.7	3.5	4.0	3.3
Lowndes	9.5	8.7	6.9	9.3	10.4	8.9	9.7	10.9	14.4	13.4	15.0	14.9	11.8
Macon	8.0	7.3	6.4	7.9	7.8	7.2	8.0	8.1	10.0	7.8	8.7	7.9	7.9
Madison	3.1	2.6	2.4	2.7	3.2	2.5	2.9	2.9	3.6	4.4	2.9	3.0	3.0
Marengo	7.1	6.2	4.5	5.1	5.3	4.6	5.0	4.8	5.8	4.5	5.0	5.1	5.3
Marion	8.3	7.8	5.6	6.5	7.7	7.0	7.4	7.2	11.6	6.7	8.1	7.0	7.8
Marshall	7.1	6.2	5.1	6.8	7.1	6.1	6.8	6.0	6.7	6.0	5.3	5.4	6.2
Mobile	4.5	3.9	3.2	3.8	4.0	3.9	4.3	4.5	5.7	4.6	5.2	5.3	4.4
Monroe	10.5	10.1	8.4	12.8	10.1	13.2	13.2	10.7	12.2	10.0	14.7	11.1	11.3
Montgomery	3.8	2.8	2.2	2.7	2.9	2.7	3.0	3.1	4.2	3.4	4.0	4.1	3.2
Morgan	4.1	3.5	3.0	3.4	3.8	3.5	3.8	3.5	4.9	4.3	4.0	4.3	3.8
Perry	7.7	6.9	5.3	6.5	6.4	5.6	7.0	7.3	12.4	9.4	9.7	12.0	8.0
Pickens	7.1	9.0	6.0	7.5	7.1	7.1	7.7	7.5	15.4	11.7	12.4	11.8	8.4
Pike	5.3	4.4	4.0	4.6	4.9	4.4	4.4	4.4	5.7	4.9	5.3	4.6	4.9
Randolph	5.1	3.9	3.4	3.7	4.3	4.2	4.7	4.6	6.8	5.9	9.1	6.0	5.5
Russell	3.9	3.3	2.5	3.6	3.9	3.8	4.3	4.1	4.7	4.2	6.2	4.7	4.1
Shelby	1.7	1.5	1.2	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.8	1.9	1.3	1.8	1.6	1.6
St. Clair	3.3	2.8	2.3	3.0	3.5	3.3	3.9	3.4	4.0	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.3
Sumter	8.8	9.0	7.7	9.0	10.1	9.7	10.7	6.8	12.3	9.7	10.5	9.9	9.7
Talladega	5.3	5.3	4.9	5.9	5.9	5.2	5.8	5.5	6.6	5.5	5.8	6.2	5.7
Tallapoosa	4.0	4.0	4.8	4.5	4.0	3.7	4.1	4.1	5.8	4.3	4.6	5.5	4.6
Tuscaloosa	7.7	2.4	1.9	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.9	3.6	3.0	3.1	2.8	2.7
Walker	6.1	5.3	4.1	4.5	5.5	4.6	5.1	5.4	6.7	6.4	5.1	6.5	5.6
Washington	12.8	10.4	9.9	11.9	12.3	10.7	11.0	11.2	13.8	12.8	12.2	10.8	11.7
Wilcox	12.4	11.6	9.8	11.4	14.2	13.5	14.1	14.4	16.1	13.2	13.5	14.2	13.2
Winston	4.7	4.3	4.2	4.5	4.4	4.7	4.8	5.0	6.4	5.9	5.8	5.8	5.2
State	4.4	4.2	4.0	3.9	3.9	4.4	4.6	4.7	4.5	4.0	4.5	4.7	4.3
National	4.6	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.3

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