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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:

NEFS-100

Subject:

ABAWD Waiver Extension Request, Connecticut (CT)

To:

Art Foley, Director
PDD

Enclosed is a November 5, 1999, request from the CT Department of Social Services to exempt individuals 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.

The State is requesting a waiver for twelve towns in CT based on their designation as Labor Surplus Areas for the period October 1, 1999, through September 30, 2000.

If you need more information about this waiver request, please contact Susan Mahan at (617) 565-6382.

Mary A. Ferris, Chief
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Food Stamp Program
Northeast Region

Attachment





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Dear Ms. Zorn:

We hereby request a waiver of the Food Stamp program's work requirement for ~~able-bodied adults with no dependents~~ for calendar year 2000, for the following twelve Connecticut towns, based on their designation by the Department of Labor as Labor Surplus Areas:

Ansonia
Bridgeport
Hartford
Killingly
New Britain
New London
Plainfield
Putnam
Sprague
Sterling
Voluntown
Waterbury

We also intend to request waivers for certain other Connecticut towns for which our current LSA waiver will expire on December 31, 1999; however, we are still gathering statistical support for our request.

Thank you for your attention to this request and for your support for Food Stamp recipients subject to the PRWORA eligibility restrictions. If you have any questions, please contact William Ruffeth at (860) 424-5381.

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Wilson-Coker
Commissioner

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