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February 23, 2001

Gilbert Camacho, Regional Director
Food Stamp Program
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Food and Nutrition Service
61 Forsyth Street, Suite 8T36
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Camacho:

Attached please find our request to extend Waiver #970225, to exempt nineteen 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 2001.

Please contact Beverly G. Nix at (334)242-1757 if additional information is needed.

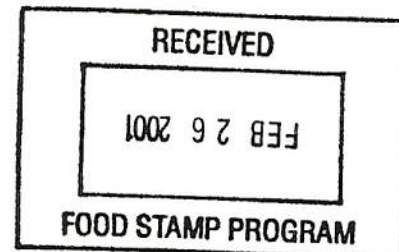
Sincerely,

Caro K. Shanahan ^{MEM}

Caro K. Shanahan, Director
Food Stamp Partnership

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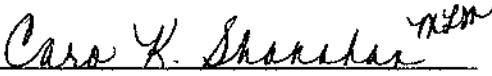
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WAIVER REQUEST

1. **Waiver serial number:** 970225
2. **Type of request:** Extension
3. **State:** Alabama
Contact Person: Beverly G. Nix, Policy Specialist
Food Stamp Partnership
(334)242-1757
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, Crenshaw, Escambia, Fayette, Franklin, Geneva, Hale, Jackson, Lamar, Macon, Marion, Monroe, and Walker.
8. **Basis for request:** All of these counties are designated as labor surplus areas for FY 2001, as determined by the Department of Labor. (See Attachment I) These counties also continued to have an average unemployment rate for FY 2000 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:**

Caro K. Shanahan, Director
Food Stamp Partnership
Alabama Department of Human Resources
11. **Date of request:** February 23, 2001.

ATTACHMENT I

LABOR SURPLUS AREAS
OCTOBER 1, 2000 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2001

ELIGIBLE LABOR SURPLUS AREASCIVIL JURISDICTIONS INCLUDEDALABAMA

ANNISTON CITY	ANNISTON CITY IN
* ✓ BIBB COUNTY	CALHOUN COUNTY
* ✓ BULLOCK COUNTY	BIBB COUNTY
BUTLER COUNTY	BULLOCK COUNTY
* ✓ CHOCTAW COUNTY	BUTLER COUNTY
* ✓ CLARKE COUNTY	CHOCTAW COUNTY
* ✓ COLBERT COUNTY	CLARKE COUNTY
* ✓ CONECUH COUNTY	COLBERT COUNTY
* ✓ COVINGTON COUNTY	CONECUH COUNTY
* ✓ CRENSHAW COUNTY	COVINGTON COUNTY
DALLAS COUNTY	CRENSHAW COUNTY
* ✓ ESCAMBIA COUNTY	DALLAS COUNTY
* ✓ FAYETTE COUNTY	ESCAMBIA COUNTY
FLORENCE CITY	FAYETTE COUNTY
	FLORENCE CITY IN
* ✓ FRANKLIN COUNTY	LAUDERDALE COUNTY
GADSDEN CITY	FRANKLIN COUNTY
	GADSDEN CITY IN
* ✓ GENEVA COUNTY	ETOWAH COUNTY
GREENE COUNTY	GENEVA COUNTY
* ✓ HALE COUNTY	GREENE COUNTY
* ✓ JACKSON COUNTY	HALE COUNTY
* ✓ LAMAR COUNTY	JACKSON COUNTY
LOWNDES COUNTY	LAMAR COUNTY
* ✓ MACON COUNTY	LOWNDES COUNTY
MARENGO COUNTY	MACON COUNTY
* ✓ MARION COUNTY	MARENGO COUNTY
MARSHALL COUNTY	MARION COUNTY
* ✓ MONROE COUNTY	MARSHALL COUNTY
PERRY COUNTY	MONROE COUNTY
PICKENS COUNTY	PERRY COUNTY
PRICHARD CITY	PICKENS COUNTY
	PRICHARD CITY IN
	MOBILE COUNTY
* ✓ SUMTER COUNTY	SUMTER COUNTY
* ✓ WALKER COUNTY	WALKER COUNTY
WASHINGTON COUNTY	WASHINGTON COUNTY
WILCOX COUNTY	WILCOX COUNTY

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Attachment II

FY 2000 Unemployment Statistics

COUNTY	Oct-99	Nov-99	Dec-99	Jan-00	Feb-00	Mar-00	Apr-00	May-00	Jun-00	Jul-00	Aug-00	Sep-00	Avg
Autauga	3.9	3.3	3.1	3.7	3.9	2.9	2.9	3.1	3.7	3.2	6.8	3.5	3.7
Baldwin	3.0	2.9	2.9	3.8	3.8	2.8	2.7	2.8	3.2	2.7	2.9	3.0	3.0
Barbour	5.3	4.6	3.9	4.4	4.6	3.9	4.3	4.2	5.3	4.7	5.3	5.2	4.6
Bibb	5.6	4.7	5.0	8.1	7.2	6.0	6.1	6.0	6.9	6.5	7.4	6.0	6.3
Blount	2.8	2.5	2.1	2.6	2.5	2.0	2.2	2.5	2.9	2.7	2.9	2.7	2.5
Bullock	11.6	11.1	10.0	8.5	7.3	5.4	5.4	5.3	10.6	10.7	13.6	11.8	9.3
Butler	16.3	13.2	12.2	13.2	12.6	10.5	10.4	9.8	10.8	11.7	13.4	11.0	12.1
Calhoun	5.5	4.9	4.7	5.4	6.3	4.0	4.3	4.5	5.0	4.7	5.1	4.7	4.9
Chambers	4.5	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.3	3.5	3.7	4.1	6.0	4.2	5.2	4.6	4.4
Cherokee	4.7	3.7	4.5	4.9	4.6	3.3	2.9	3.0	4.1	4.1	5.3	4.5	4.1
Chilton	3.9	3.3	3.1	5.3	3.8	3.0	3.1	3.5	4.3	3.8	5.4	4.3	3.9
Choctaw	8.3	7.7	7.8	9.1	8.6	6.7	6.9	6.8	7.6	6.6	7.6	7.4	7.6
Clarke	8.5	7.8	7.1	7.8	6.7	6.1	7.4	8.1	9.2	8.3	9.0	8.3	7.9
Clay	4.6	4.0	3.5	6.2	6.3	5.5	5.4	9.3	10.1	9.5	10.6	8.3	6.9
Cleburne	4.1	3.9	3.9	4.3	4.7	3.3	3.5	3.0	4.0	2.9	3.7	3.5	3.7
Coffee	4.5	5.3	5.9	6.7	6.1	4.9	5.0	5.5	6.0	6.1	5.9	5.3	5.6
Colbert	6.8	6.0	6.0	7.1	6.9	5.1	5.4	5.1	6.7	6.0	6.3	5.6	6.1
Conecuh	7.6	7.1	7.6	8.6	8.4	6.3	7.2	6.8	8.4	6.7	7.8	6.1	7.4
Coosa	4.8	4.9	4.9	5.4	5.1	5.1	5.5	5.0	5.7	4.5	5.8	6.6	5.3
Covington	8.0	7.3	7.1	9.4	9.5	7.7	7.9	8.1	8.8	7.7	8.6	8.8	8.2
Crenshaw	10.0	8.6	8.3	9.2	8.3	6.6	6.7	6.6	7.1	7.6	7.3	7.4	7.8
Cullman	4.2	3.9	3.6	4.2	4.4	3.0	3.6	3.4	3.9	3.5	3.8	3.2	3.7
Dale	4.9	4.4	4.3	4.9	5.3	4.0	4.1	4.4	5.5	4.9	5.7	5.4	4.8
Dallas	11.7	9.9	10.0	11.6	11.2	9.0	9.2	9.4	12.2	10.7	11.7	10.0	10.6
DeKalb	3.5	3.2	3.1	4.0	3.9	2.7	2.8	2.7	3.5	3.0	3.5	3.4	3.3
Elmore	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.7	2.9	3.1	3.0	3.5	2.7	3.9	3.0	3.3
Escambia	5.8	5.4	5.0	5.8	5.3	4.1	4.2	4.4	5.4	4.6	5.1	4.3	5.0
Etowah	6.4	5.1	4.4	5.3	5.1	3.8	3.9	3.8	4.7	4.4	6.0	10.4	5.3
Fayette	9.3	8.4	7.1	9.0	8.6	6.2	7.0	6.9	6.9	8.9	6.5	6.3	7.6
Franklin	5.6	5.6	7.0	8.8	6.7	5.1	6.1	5.0	8.6	6.7	6.7	6.5	6.5
Geneva	5.7	5.2	4.6	5.6	5.5	5.3	6.5	6.3	7.3	6.3	7.0	6.0	5.9
Greene	10.9	9.8	10.3	11.6	12.1	8.7	8.5	8.5	11.5	10.0	11.3	10.7	10.3
Hale	6.7	5.8	5.8	7.6	7.4	6.0	7.1	6.3	8.6	7.6	8.6	7.3	7.1
Henry	5.0	4.3	4.3	6.6	6.1	4.6	4.9	5.3	6.1	5.3	6.0	5.8	5.4
Houston	3.6	3.0	3.1	4.4	4.5	3.4	3.7	4.0	5.5	4.8	5.3	4.7	4.2
Jackson	7.0	6.8	7.0	7.8	7.5	6.2	4.9	5.2	5.8	5.8	6.1	5.6	6.3
Jefferson	3.4	3.1	2.9	3.4	3.5	2.7	3.0	3.0	3.7	3.2	3.7	3.3	3.2
Lamar	8.3	7.3	8.2	7.7	9.9	7.8	11.6	9.1	9.4	9.4	11.1	9.2	9.1
Lauderdale	5.9	4.9	5.7	6.3	6.0	4.4	4.2	4.6	5.5	4.9	5.4	5.3	5.3
Lawrence	5.7	5.1	5.3	6.4	6.6	4.4	4.3	4.5	5.4	4.8	5.0	5.2	5.2
Lee	3.5	3.2	3.1	3.3	3.1	2.6	2.5	2.6	3.5	3.7	3.7	3.4	3.2
Limestone	4.1	3.2	3.3	3.5	3.8	2.7	2.7	3.9	3.1	3.4	3.2	3.3	3.4
Lowndes	14.2	11.1	10.4	12.9	12.5	10.6	10.6	10.6	13.0	12.4	11.5	11.4	11.8
Macon	8.0	7.3	6.6	7.4	6.6	5.4	5.5	5.4	6.5	5.9	6.6	5.7	6.4
Madison	2.9	2.6	2.5	3.1	2.8	2.2	2.4	2.3	2.7	4.1	2.8	2.9	2.8
Marengo	5.5	4.9	4.7	4.9	5.0	4.1	4.3	4.4	5.2	4.9	4.9	4.4	4.8
Marion	6.7	6.2	9.6	7.5	9.5	6.4	8.4	6.3	6.3	6.8	6.4	6.3	7.2
Marshall	5.4	4.8	4.3	4.7	4.7	3.7	4.2	4.0	4.6	4.7	4.8	5.3	4.6
Mobile	5.0	4.6	4.5	5.4	5.7	4.5	4.6	4.6	5.4	4.8	5.4	4.9	5.0
Monroe	11.0	11.8	9.8	10.9	10.7	7.9	8.9	8.4	10.0	8.3	9.1	7.6	9.5
Montgomery	4.1	3.5	3.3	3.7	3.5	2.9	3.1	3.1	3.8	3.4	4.0	3.6	3.5
Morgan	4.4	4.1	4.0	4.5	4.6	3.6	3.9	3.9	4.2	4.2	4.1	3.8	4.1
Perry	11.5	9.1	9.2	10.8	11.9	9.0	9.7	10.4	12.3	10.3	10.7	10.5	10.5
Pickens	10.6	9.5	10.5	10.6	9.9	7.8	8.7	9.7	13.3	11.4	12.2	10.7	10.4
Pike	5.4	6.8	6.1	6.9	6.6	5.5	5.6	5.7	7.0	6.8	6.7	5.6	6.2
Randolph	4.8	4.2	3.8	4.2	4.1	3.5	3.4	4.0	5.2	5.1	7.1	5.2	4.6
Russell	4.7	4.4	4.3	4.7	4.7	3.4	3.4	3.2	4.4	3.6	4.8	4.1	4.1
Shelby	1.7	1.5	1.5	2.4	1.8	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.6	1.3	1.9	1.4	1.6
St. Clair	3.2	2.8	2.6	3.0	2.9	2.3	2.3	2.5	3.1	2.5	3.0	3.1	2.8
Sumter	11.2	9.7	9.0	11.0	12.2	10.8	12.9	13.5	15.6	13.6	15.0	12.3	12.2
Talladega	5.6	4.7	4.5	5.7	5.6	4.2	4.5	4.6	6.2	5.6	6.3	5.7	5.3
Tallapoosa	5.9	5.4	5.9	6.1	5.5	4.7	4.4	4.4	5.4	4.4	4.5	4.5	5.1
Tuscaloosa	2.8	2.4	2.3	2.8	2.7	2.2	2.4	2.5	3.1	2.9	3.3	2.8	2.7
Walker	6.0	5.6	5.5	7.4	8.3	6.1	6.4	6.6	7.3	6.3	7.0	7.2	6.6
Washington	10.2	9.2	9.0	10.9	10.9	9.0	10.8	12.2	13.4	12.2	12.7	10.8	10.9
Wilcox	14.4	13.0	12.3	13.2	12.0	9.9	10.9	11.3	12.1	10.5	12.6	11.2	12.0
Winston	6.0	7.1	7.5	9.2	12.7	7.8	6.9	8.0	7.8	8.2	9.6	10.4	8.4
State	4.4	4.4	4.7	4.9	4.6	4.2	4.1	4.3	3.8	4.1	4.5	4.4	4.4
National	4.4	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.1	4.1	3.9	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.1	3.9	4.1

120% of National Average = 4.9