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FSP – Pennsylvania Request to Waive ABAWD Provisions
Per 7 CFR 273.24 (f)

Arthur T. Foley
Director
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Attached for your review is a request from Pennsylvania dated March 27, 2002. The request would extend waiver #980063 that expires May 31. Pennsylvania wants 15 counties (including Huntingdon County) and 6 cities waived from the ABAWD provisions as they have been identified by the Department of Labor as Labor Surplus Areas.

In addition, Pennsylvania would like Clifton, Fulton, Luzerne, Mifflin, Monroe, Somerset, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga and Wayne Counties waived from the ABAWD provisions due to insufficient jobs. The waiver for these counties is requested on the basis that the locations have a 24-month unemployment rate that is 20 percent higher than the national average for the same 24-month period

After reviewing the State's documentation, we support the waiver request. If you have any questions please contact this office.

SIGNED

JOSEPH WEINGART
Regional Director
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Attachment

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Dear Mr. Weingart:

I am requesting an extension of Pennsylvania's current waiver (980063) 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 (7 U.S.C. 2015). I am requesting that the following currently-waived counties and cities be extended through May 31, 2003:

Counties

Armstrong, Bedford, Cambria, Cameron, Carbon, Clearfield, Elk, Fayette, Forest, Greene, Huntington, Indiana, Jefferson, Philadelphia, and Schuylkill.

Cities

Chester, Hazleton, Johnstown, McKeesport, New Castle, and Williamsport.

These counties and cities are identified as Labor Surplus Areas (LSAs) in the Federal Register, Vol. 66 No. 250/ Monday, December 31, 2001 Notice 67647, and on the Labor Surplus Areas 2002 listing on website www.doleta.gov. In LSAs, it is reasonable to expect that food stamp clients cannot get jobs within the three months allowed to meet the work requirements.

Since a state can request a waiver of the application of the work requirement for any group of individuals in the state who reside in areas where the unemployment rate is 20 percent above the national average, I request that the following counties also be waived through May 31, 2003 because the average unemployment rates for these counties have exceeded the national rate by 20 percent during the last 24-month period:

Mr. Joseph Weingart

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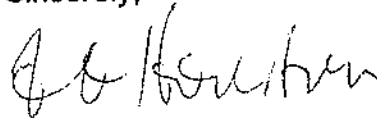
Counties

Clinton, Fulton, Luzerne, Mifflin, Monroe, Somerset, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga and Wayne.

Please see the attached chart with the average unemployment rates for these counties. The Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry, Center for Workforce Information and Analysis, has compiled and published this data in Civilian Labor Force Data By LMA/County/MCD of Residence.

Thank you for your consideration of this waiver request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Feather O. Houstoun". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Feather" and last name "Houstoun" clearly distinguishable.

Feather O. Houstoun

Attachments

Counties Above 120%

	Dec 01	Nov 01	Oct 01	Sep 01	Aug 01	Jul 01	Jun 01	May 01	Apr 01	Mar 01	Feb 01	Jan 01	Dec 00	Nov 00	Oct 00	Sep 00	Aug 00	Jul 00	Jun 00	May 00	Apr 00	Mar 00	Feb 00	Jan 00	Average
Nat. Rate/County	5.4	5.3	5.0	4.7	4.9	4.7	4.7	4.1	4.2	4.6	4.6	4.7	3.7	3.8	3.6	3.8	4.1	4.2	4.2	3.9	3.7	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.4
01. CLINTON	7.4	7.0	6.4	5.4	5.8	6.2	5.6	5.3	4.8	6.8	8.5	8.5	7.2	5.7	4.9	5.0	5.0	4.9	5.2	4.3	4.2	5.5	6.6	6.0	5.9
02. FULTON	7.2	7.4	6.7	12.7	12.8	11.1	5.0	5.1	6.3	6.5	6.7	5.8	4.4	3.9	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.4	2.8	3.2	4.7	6.3	5.0	5.8
03. LUZERNE	5.4	5.4	5.1	4.8	5.1	5.3	5.6	5.0	4.9	5.9	6.4	6.9	5.2	5.2	4.9	4.6	4.8	5.3	5.5	4.7	4.5	5.5	6.3	6.8	5.4
04. MIFFLIN	7.5	7.6	6.8	6.0	6.5	6.8	6.2	7.1	6.3	6.9	7.1	6.4	3.7	4.0	3.6	4.1	4.3	5.5	4.7	4.2	4.0	4.7	5.6	5.6	5.6
05. MONROE	5.8	6.1	5.6	6.0	5.5	5.6	6.0	6.2	5.2	6.2	6.4	6.2	4.9	5.1	4.7	5.0	4.7	5.3	5.4	5.4	5.2	6.0	6.3	6.1	5.6
06. SOMERSET	6.4	6.1	5.0	4.6	5.3	5.8	5.8	5.7	6.2	7.5	8.4	8.0	6.9	6.7	5.4	5.4	5.1	5.4	5.4	4.7	5.0	6.3	7.9	7.1	6.1
07. SULLIVAN	6.1	6.0	4.2	4.2	4.4	6.7	5.8	5.6	6.1	8.4	8.8	9.2	7.0	5.6	5.3	5.1	4.4	4.7	4.9	4.4	4.9	6.5	6.9	6.3	5.9
08. SUSQUEHANNA	6.2	7.8	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.8	4.9	5.5	4.1	6.5	6.7	5.6	4.2	4.4	3.9	4.1	3.8	4.4	4.8	4.6	4.3	5.8	6.2	5.5	5.3
09. TIOGA	6.0	6.8	4.9	5.3	5.4	5.8	5.2	6.2	5.7	7.4	7.4	6.3	5.2	4.9	3.5	3.7	4.0	5.3	4.6	4.1	3.8	5.2	5.5	5.8	5.3
10. WAYNE	5.4	5.1	4.5	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.6	5.2	7.0	7.4	6.9	5.2	5.0	4.3	4.5	3.8	4.7	4.8	5.0	5.3	7.3	7.8	7.4	5.4

LABOR SURPLUS AREAS—Continued
[October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002]

Eligible labor surplus	Civil jurisdictions included
Oregon	
Albany City	Albany City in Linn County.
Baker County	Baker 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.
Lincoln County	Lincoln County.
Balance of Linn County.	Linn County less Albany City.
Malheur County	Malheur County.
Morrow County	Morrow County.
Umatilla County	Umatilla County.
Wallowa County	Wallowa County.
Wasco County	Wasco County.
Wheeler County	Wheeler County.

Pennsylvania

Armstrong County	Armstrong County.
Bedford County	Bedford County.
Balance of Cambria County.	Cambria County less Johnstown City.
Cameron County	Cameron County.
Carbon County	Carbon County.
Chester City	Chester City in Delaware County.
Clearfield County	Clearfield County.
Elk County	Elk County.
Fayette County	Fayette County.
Forest County	Forest 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.
McKeesport City	McKeesport City in Allegheny County.
New Castle City	New Castle City in Lawrence County.
Philadelphia City	Philadelphia City in Philadelphia County.
Schuylkill County	Schuylkill County.
Williamsport City	Williamsport City in Lycoming County.

Puerto Rico

Adjuntas Municipio	Adjuntas Municipio.
Aguada Municipio	Aguada Municipio.
Aguadilla Municipio ..	Aguadilla Municipio.

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Eligible labor surplus	Civil jurisdictions included
Agus Buenas Municipio.	Agus Buenas Municipio.
Aibonito Municipio	Aibonito Municipio.
Anasco Municipio	Anasco Municipio.
Arecibo Municipio	Arecibo Municipio.
Arroyo Municipio	Arroyo Municipio.
Barceloneta Municipio	Barceloneta Municipio.
Barranquitas Municipio.	Barranquitas Municipio.
Bayamon Municipio ..	Bayamon Municipio.
Cabo Rojo Municipio	Cabo Rojo Municipio.
Caguas Municipio	Caguas Municipio.
Camuy Municipio	Camuy Municipio.
Canovanas Municipio	Canovanas Municipio.
Carolina Municipio	Carolina Municipio.
Catano Municipio	Catano Municipio.
Cayey Municipio	Cayey Municipio.
Ceiba Municipio	Ceiba Municipio.
Ciales Municipio	Ciales Municipio.
Cidra Municipio	Cidra Municipio.
Coamo Municipio	Coamo Municipio.
Comerio Municipio	Comerio Municipio.
Corozal Municipio	Corozal Municipio.
Dorado Municipio	Dorado Municipio.
Fajardo Municipio	Fajardo Municipio.
Florida Municipio	Florida Municipio.
Guanica Municipio	Guanica Municipio.
Guayama Municipio ..	Guayama Municipio.
Guayanilla Municipio	Guayanilla Municipio.
Gurabo Municipio	Gurabo Municipio.
Hatillo Municipio	Hatillo Municipio.
Hormigueros Municipio.	Hormigueros Municipio.
Humacao Municipio ..	Humacao Municipio.
Isabela Municipio	Isabela Municipio.
Jayuya Municipio	Jayuya Municipio.
Juana Diaz Municipio	Juana Diaz Municipio.
Juncos Municipio	Juncos Municipio.
Lajas Municipio	Lajas Municipio.
Lares Municipio	Lares Municipio.
Las Marias Municipio	Las Marias Municipio.
Las Piedras Municipio	Las Piedras Municipio.
Loiza Municipio	Loiza Municipio.
Luquillo Municipio	Luquillo Municipio.
Manati Municipio	Manati Municipio.
Maricao Municipio	Maricao Municipio.
Maunabo Municipio ..	Maunabo Municipio.
Mayaguez Municipio	Mayaguez Municipio.
Moca Municipio	Moca Municipio.
Morovis Municipio	Morovis Municipio.
Naguabo Municipio ..	Naguabo Municipio.
Naranjito Municipio ..	Naranjito Municipio.
Orocovis Municipio ..	Orocovis Municipio.
Patillas Municipio	Patillas Municipio.
Penuelas Municipio ..	Penuelas Municipio.
Ponce Municipio	Ponce Municipio.
Quebradillas Municipio.	Quebradillas Municipio.
Rincon Municipio	Rincon Municipio.
Rio Grande Municipio	Rio Grande Municipio.
Sabana Grande Municipio.	Sabana Grande Municipio.
Salinas Municipio	Salinas Municipio.
San German Municipio.	San German Municipio.
San Juan Municipio ..	San Juan Municipio.

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Eligible labor surplus	Civil jurisdictions included
San Lorenzo Municipio.	San Lorenzo Municipio.
San Sebastian Municipio.	San Sebastian Municipio.
Santa Isabel Municipio.	Santa Isabel Municipio.
Toa Alta Municipio	Toa Alta Municipio.
Toa Baja Municipio ..	Toa Baja Municipio.
Trujillo Alto Municipio	Trujillo Alto Municipio.
Utua Municipio	Utua Municipio.
Vega Alta Municipio ..	Vega Alta Municipio.
Vega Baja Municipio	Vega Baja Municipio.
Vieques Municipio	Vieques Municipio.
Villaalba Municipio ..	Villaalba Municipio.
Yabucoa Municipio	Yabucoa Municipio.
Yuco Municipio	Yuco Municipio.

Rhode Island

New Shoreham Town	New Shoreham Town.
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South Carolina

Allendale County	Allendale County.
Bamberg County	Bamberg County.
Barnwell County	Barnwell County.
Calhoun County	Calhoun County.
Chester County	Chester County.
Chesterfield County ..	Chesterfield County.
Clarendon County	Clarendon County.
Darlington County	Darlington County.
Dillon County	Dillon County.
Fairfield County	Fairfield County.
Georgetown County ..	Georgetown County.
Greenwood County ..	Greenwood County.
Lee County	Lee County.
Marion County	Marion County.
Marlboro County	Marlboro County.
McCormick County	McCormick County.
Orangeburg County ..	Orangeburg County.
Union County	Union County.
Williamsburg County	Williamsburg County.

South Dakota

Buffalo County	Buffalo County.
Corson County	Corson County.
Day County	Day County.
Dewey County	Dewey County.
Jackson County	Jackson County.
Mellette County	Mellette County.
Shannon County	Shannon County.
Todd County	Todd County.
Ziebach County	Ziebach County.

Tennessee

Benton County	Benton County.
Campbell County	Campbell County.
Carroll County	Carroll County.
Clay County	Clay County.
Cocke County	Cocke County.
Decatur County	Decatur County.
Fentress County	Fentress County.
Gibson County	Gibson County.
Hardeman County	Hardeman County.
Hardin County	Hardin County.
Haywood County	Haywood County.