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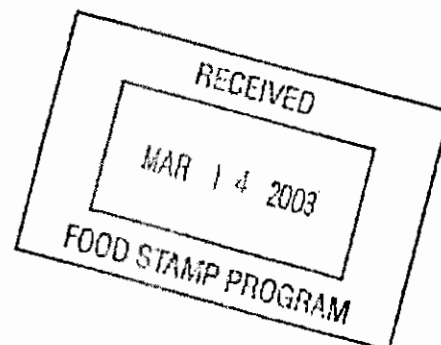
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Bill Fuller
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March 7, 2003

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Food and Nutrition Service
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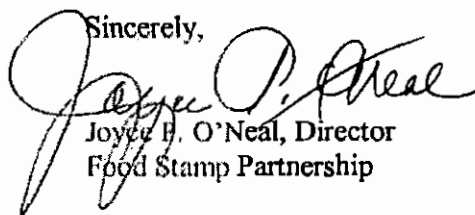


Dear Mr. Camacho:

Attached please find our request to extend Waiver #970225, to exempt twenty-seven 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 are designated as Labor Surplus Areas for FY 2003.

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

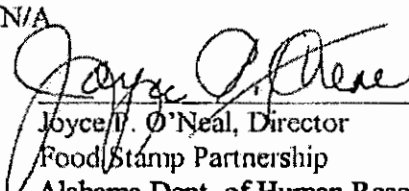
Sincerely,


Joyce H. O'Neal, Director
Food Stamp Partnership

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Enclosure

WAIVER REQUEST

1. **Waiver serial number:** 970225
2. **Type of request:** Extension and Modification
3. **Primary regulation citation:** 7 CFR 273.24(f)(2)(ii)
4. **Secondary regulation citation:** None
5. **State:** Alabama
6. **Region:** Southeast
7. **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.
8. **Proposed alternative procedures:** The State of Alabama is requesting an extension and modification of its existing waiver which will exempt from this work requirement food stamp recipients in Barbour, Butler, Choctaw, Clarke, Clay, Coffee, Colbert, Conecuh, Coosa, Covington, Crenshaw, Fayette, Geneva, Hale, Henry, Jackson, Lamar, Lawrence, Macon, Marion, Pickens, Pike, Randolph, Sumter, Talladega, Walker and Winston counties. All of these counties are designated as labor surplus areas for FY 2003, as determined by the Department of Labor. (See Attachment)
9. **Justification for request:** Lack of sufficient jobs to provide employment for these individuals.
10. **Anticipated impact on households and State agency operations:** The waiver will allow households in these counties to continue eligibility for food stamps without regard to the ABAWD time limits.
11. **Caseload information, including percent, characteristics, and quality control error rate for affected portion:** As of December 31, 2002 there were 7175 potential ABAWDS residing in these counties.
12. **Anticipated implementation date and time period for which waiver is needed:** We are requesting this extension for one year.
13. **Proposed quality control review procedures:** N/A
14. **Signature and title of requesting official:**

Joyce F. O'Neal, Director
Food Stamp Partnership
Alabama Dept. of Human Resources
15. **Date of request:** March 7, 2003.

LABOR SURPLUS AREAS
OCTOBER 01, 2002 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2003

ELIGIBLE LABOR SURPLUS**CIVIL JURISDICTIONS INCLUDED****ALABAMA**

ANNISTON CITY

BARBOUR COUNTY
BESSEMER CITYBIBB COUNTY
BULLOCK COUNTY
BUTLER COUNTY
CHOCTAW COUNTY
CLARKE COUNTY
CLAY COUNTY
COFFEE COUNTY
COLBERT COUNTY
CONECUH COUNTY
COOSA COUNTY
COVINGTON COUNTY
CRENSHAW COUNTY
DALLAS COUNTY
FAYETTE COUNTY
FLORENCE CITYFRANKLIN COUNTY
GADSDEN CITYGENEVA COUNTY
GREENE COUNTY
HALE COUNTY
HENRY COUNTY
JACKSON COUNTY
LAMAR COUNTY
LAWRENCE COUNTY
LOWNDES COUNTY
MACON COUNTY
MARION COUNTY
MOBILE CITYMONROE COUNTY
PERRY COUNTY
PICKENS COUNTY
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ELIGIBLE LABOR SURPLUS

CIVIL JURISDICTIONS INCLUDED

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