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Subject: New York State ABAWD waiver

To: Art Foley, Director
Program Development Division

Attached is a March 27, 2003, request from New York State to waive the work requirements for able-bodied adults without dependents in accordance with the provisions of Section 6(o).

NY seeks waiver approval for the civil jurisdictions with an average unemployment rate of at least 20 percent above the national average during either the previous two calendar years or the previous two Federal fiscal years. The State provided a list of areas using civilian labor force data collected using civilian labor force data collected by the State's Division of Research and Statistics using a methodology established by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The State is requesting that this waiver be approved effective May 1, 2003 through April 30, 2004. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Mahan at (617) 565-6382.

Mary A. Ferris, Chief
State Program Improvement Section
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Attachment



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March 27, 2003

Mr. Robert L. Canavan
Director
Food Stamp Program, Northeast Region
U.S. Department of Agriculture
10 Causeway Street, Room 501
Boston, Massachusetts 02222

Dear Mr. Canavan:

This letter is to request a waiver of the applicability of paragraph (2) of Section 6 (o) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2015), as added by Section 824 of Title VIII of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996. We are seeking this waiver of work requirements for able-bodied adults without dependents in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (4) of Section 6 (o) and will apply waivers as indicated below.

New York seeks waiver approval for the civil jurisdictions with an average unemployment rate of at least 20 percent above the national average during either the previous two calendar years or the previous two federal fiscal years. The enclosed list of areas for which we are requesting a waiver was established using civilian labor force data calculated by our Division of Research and Statistics using a methodology established by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Upon USDA's approval of a waiver for these jurisdictions, New York State will apply the waiver effective May 1, 2003, through April 30, 2004, where the chief elected official does not opt out of such waiver. New York State will notify your office of any jurisdictions that elect not to use the waiver and of the effective dates of such elections.

You may contact Barbara Guinn of the Welfare-To-Work Division at 518-485-1163 with any questions regarding this request. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Angello". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Linda" and last name "Angello" clearly distinguishable.

Linda Angello

Enclosure

cc: Brian Wing
Barbara Guinn