



United States Department of Agriculture

Food and Nutrition Service

Northeast Region

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Subject: New York's Request to Waive Work Requirements

To: Art Foley, Director
Program Development Division
Food Stamp Program

Attached is New York's request to waive the work requirements for able-bodied adults without dependants (ABAWDs) that reside in the following counties: Bronx County, Essex County, Franklin County, Fulton County, Hamilton County, Jefferson County, Kings County, Lewis County, Montgomery County, Oswego County, Richmond County, and St. Lawrence County and the cities of Buffalo, Elmira, Niagara Falls and Rochester.

We recommend approval of this waiver due to the fact that the cities and towns have been classified as Labor Surplus Areas for the past two consecutive years and the data supporting is provided.

Please contact Beth Soukhanov at (617) 565-6403 if you have any questions concerning this waiver.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mary Ann Ferris".

Mary Ann Ferris, Director
Food Stamp Program
Northeast Region

Attachment