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Dennis Stewart
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Dear Mr. Stewart:

The State of Alaska is submitting the enclosed request for approval of a waiver renewal concerning ABAWD work requirements.

We are seeking to renew our current year-round statewide waiver that exempts all able-bodied adults residing in Alaska from the ABAWD work requirements. Alaska requests this waiver be approved for two years, through September 30, 2010. Our current waiver expires on September 30, 2008.

We are submitting information in support of the waiver that shows Alaska's unemployment rate for the 36-month period ending June 2008 is at least 20% greater than the national average for this same period.

An approved waiver means simplified policy and will allow for more time to focus on quality work. It has surely helped our efforts to increase accuracy.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Joan Chase at (907) 465-3325.

Sincerely,



Carolyn Spalding
Program Officer
Chief of Policy & Program Development

Enclosure