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Dear Mr. Stewart:

Due to Guam's unemployment rate of 8.3%, which exceeds the national unemployment rate by more than 20%, the Territory of Guam is requesting an island-wide waiver of the ABAWD (Able Bodied Adult Without Dependents) 20 hours per week participation requirements for the Territory's current ABAWD population.

Upon receipt of approval of the waiver request, Guam will implement policy on the new rule and commence training of staff with anticipation to implement the waiver by December 1, 2008.

Your favorable response to this request is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,


J. PETER ROBERTO, A.C.S.W.