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Extended Benefits Trigger Waiver Request

Dear Ms. Cornwell:

This letter accompanies the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - Employment and Training Plan for the State of Colorado for federal year 2011. At this time Colorado also wishes to request the statewide waiver of the ABAWD work requirements under the guidance that provides that states that meet the Department of Labor and Employment extended unemployment insurance benefits (EB) criteria can qualify for a 12-month statewide ABAWD waiver. The DOL Trigger Notice 2010-2, effective January 24, 2010, indicates that Colorado met the EB criteria. Colorado will continue to be a Pledge State and Colorado's three largest counties, with forty-two percent of the State's ABAWDs, are choosing to continue to operate under the ABAWD work requirements without interruption. Those counties are: Arapahoe, Denver, and El Paso. We anticipate that other counties may choose to impose the ABAWD work requirements but the unique nature of Colorado's state-supervised, county-administered system makes it impossible to finalize those decisions before the August 30 deadline. If other counties choose to continue or resume service to ABAWDs as pledge counties, Colorado will submit an amendment to the State Plan indicating this change in status.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me at 303-866-2538.

Sincerely,

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