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William Kluxen, Regional Director
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Dear Mr. Kluxen:

New Jersey is writing to request an extension of our waiver for able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWD) since the Department of Labor's (DOL) Unemployment Insurance Service has determined we meet the criteria for extended benefits. According to the DOL Trigger Notice 2010-2, effective January 24, 2010, New Jersey is one of 49 states that meet this criteria, and therefore qualifies to suspend the time limits on ABAWDs through September 30, 2011.

Given New Jersey's status as a state that meets the criteria for extended unemployment insurance benefits, we are requesting this waiver. This will allow us to continue to provide SNAP benefits to needy able-bodied adults.

If you have questions, please contact Marybeth Schaedel (609) 588-2197.

Sincerely,

Jeanette Page-Hawkins
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