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Ms. Mary Ann Ferris, Director
Food Stamp Program, Northeast Region
United States Department of Agriculture
FNS/NERO
10 Causeway Street, Room 501
Boston, MA 02222

Dear Ms. Ferris:

I am writing to inform you that for the period October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011, the City of New York will continue to apply requirements for able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDs). Additionally, the NYC Human Resources Administration (HRA) will ensure that at-risk ABAWDs in New York City will be provided a work or training opportunity to enable them to comply with program requirements and avoid any loss of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits.

No other area within the State has opted to implement ABAWD requirements. Food Stamp Employment and Training services will continue to be available throughout New York State to provide program participants education, training and job placement services to help them secure employment.

Please give me a call at (518) 474-9222 if you would like to discuss this or need any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Russell Sykes", written over a circular stamp.

Russell Sykes
Deputy Commissioner
Center for Employment and Economic Supports

cc: Elizabeth R. Berlin