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Dennis Stewart
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Dear Mr. Stewart:

The State of Alaska is submitting the enclosed request for a modification and extension to waiver 2150041 concerning ABAWD work requirements from SNAP time limits from June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017.

Under SNAP regulations at 7 CFR 273.24(f)(2), areas may qualify for an ABAWD time limit waiver if they have insufficient jobs. Alaska is supplying evidence that our state has an average unemployment rate that is at least 20% above the national average for the 24-month period from April 2014-March 2016.

The State is requesting this waiver modification to help manage our caseload and to better serve our clients. Implementation of this waiver will allow the agency to help prevent a lapse in eligibility for our households, in addition to improved program administration.

If you have any questions, please contact Monica Windom at (907)465-5835, via email at monica.windom@alaska.gov or Rachel Martinez at (907)465-3201, via email at rachel.martinez@alaska.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Monica M Windom".

Monica Windom
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