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Mr. Dennis Stewart, Regional Director
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
Western Regional Office
Food and Nutrition Service
90 Seventh Street, Suite 10-100
San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Mr. Stewart,

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is requesting a one year extension of its Able Bodied Adults without Dependents (ABAWD) waiver, which is scheduled to end December 31, 2017. If the extension is approved, the waiver extension would be effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 and would apply to counties as specified in the request.

Recognizing the complexity of the ABAWD time limit and the systems and operational requirements necessary to implement effectively, California is requesting early approval of this waiver. This request is based on 21 months of unemployment data instead of the required 24 months of data. Early approval would provide 12 months of preparation time and better equip the State and our county partners to successfully implement the ABAWD time limit beginning January 1, 2018. We are asking that FNS consider our 2018 waiver request at this time in support of our efforts to fully comply with federal program rules.

The justification for the waiver request has been provided by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities and is attached for your consideration

If you have any questions, you may contact Alexis Fernández, Chief of the CalFresh Policy Section at 916-653-6162.

Sincerely,

Kim McCoy Wade
Chief, CalFresh Branch
California Department of Social Services