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Mr. Dwight Crudup, Regional Director
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
USDA – Food and Nutrition Service
1100 Commerce St., Room 522
Dallas, TX 75242

RE: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance program (SNAP) – Statewide Waiver for Able-Bodied Adults without Dependents (ABAWDS) - 7CFR 273.24(f)(2)

Dear Mr. Crudup,

The Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) is requesting an extension of the statewide ABAWD waiver. Louisiana has an unemployment rate greater than 20 percent above the national average for the 24-month period of September 2014 through August 2016. Louisiana's average unemployment rate for this period was 6.4 percent. Our current ABAWD Waiver will expire on August 31, 2017. We are requesting an extension of this waiver until August 31, 2018.

If additional information is needed, please contact Kim Matherne by email at Kim.Matherne.DCFS@la.gov or by telephone at (225) 219-2428.

Sincerely,

Sammy Guillory,
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