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Bonnie Brathwaite
SNAP Division Director
FNS/NERO
10 Causeway Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02222

Re: FFY 2017 ABAWD Geographic Waiver Request

Dear Ms. Brathwaite,

Enclosed is the Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance's (DTA) request to modify and extend waiver number 2150057.

Under 7 CFR 273.24(f), upon the request of a State agency, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) may waive the applicability of the time limit described above for any group of individuals in the State if FNS makes a determination that the area in which the individuals reside does not have a sufficient number of jobs to provide employment for the individuals. DTA requests to exempt able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDs) in 4 counties, 2 contiguous New England City and Town Areas (NECTAs), 55 towns and cities, and 1 reservation from SNAP time limits at 7 CFR 273.24 between January 1, 2017 and June 30, 2017.

If you have questions or require additional information, please contact Miriam Kaufmann, SNAP Assistant Director of Employment and Training Services, at 617-348-5561 or email Miriam at Miriam.Kaufmann@state.ma.us.

Sincerely,

Lauren Arms Ledwith, SNAP Director

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c.c: Robin Magee, FNS