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November 28, 2016

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

Re: FFY 2017 ABAWD Geographic Waiver Request #2150057

Dear Ms. Brathwaite,

Enclosed is the Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance's (DTA) request further 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 previously requested, and was granted approval, 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 for the six month period of January 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. We wish to modify this request to extend the exemption period by six additional months, exempting this ABAWD population from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lauren Arms Ledwith, SNAP Director".

Lauren Arms Ledwith

SNAP Director

Enclosures

cc: *Robin Magee, FNS/NERO*
Kevin Pasquaretta, FNS/NERO