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Cheryl Kennedy, Regional Director
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Dear Ms. Kennedy,

Attached is Montana's revised 2017 Abled Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) geographic waiver request.

Due to unemployment rates being at least 20% above the national average for a 24-month period, Montana is requesting to exempt 16 counties and 6 reservations from ABAWD time-limited eligibility. The caseload for these areas represents 43.92% of Montana's statewide SNAP caseload.

We are requesting a one-year waiver, beginning January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Kathe Quittenton
Bureau Chief

cc: Phil Fraley, FNS
Christie Twardoski, Associate Administrator