



Mr. Eric Ratchford
Regional Director
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
United States Department of Agriculture
Food and Nutrition Service
Mid-Atlantic Region
Mercer Corporate Park
300 Corporate Boulevard
Robbinsville, New Jersey 08691-1598

Dear Mr. Ratchford:

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is requesting a modification of our ABAWD Waiver #2030035. Attached please find the justification for the waiving of 30 counties and 20 cities and towns based upon the following:

- The average, or aggregate average, unemployment rate which exceeded the average U.S. unemployment rate by at least 20 percent, and
- designation as a Labor Surplus Area by the Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration.

We have sent, via electronic copy, the analysis and source documents to support this request. This information was compiled from the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry, Center for Workforce Information & Analysis, and the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration.

Thank you for your consideration of this waiver request. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Ms. Cathy Buhrig, Director, Bureau of Policy, at (717) 787-4081.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lourdes R. Padilla". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lourdes Padilla
Deputy Secretary

Attachments

cc: Ms. Buhrig