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Mr. Dennis Stewart, Regional Director
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
Western Regional Office
Food and Nutrition Service
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San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Mr. Stewart:

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is requesting a one year extension of its Able Bodied Adults without Dependents (ABAWD) waiver, which is currently scheduled to end of August 31, 2018. If approved, the waiver extension would be effective September 1, 2018, through August 31, 2019, and would apply in 55 of the 58 California counties. California seeks timely approval of this waiver request in order to effectively plan for implementation of the ABAWD time limit in three California counties as of September 1, 2018.

This request is based on 24 months of unemployment data for the period of April 2015 through March 2017 and indicates that California's unemployment rate remains 20 percent above the national average in this region. The justification for the waiver request has been provided by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities and is attached for your consideration.

If you have any questions, you may contact Alexis Fernández, CalFresh Policy Section Chief, at (916) 653-6162. You may also reach me at (916) 651-9915.

Sincerely,

KIM McCOY WADE
CalFresh and Nutrition Branch Chief