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Doug Burgum, Governor

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Ms. Cheryl Kennedy, Regional Director USDA, FNS,
Mountain Plains Region 1244 Speer Boulevard,
Suite 903 Denver, CO 80204

Dear Ms. Kennedy:

Enclosed please find our request for an extension of waiver #970125 for North Dakota.

The waiver extension request is to waive the work requirements for ABAWDS for Benson, Bottineau, Eddy, Emmons, Kidder, Pierce, Rolette, Sheridan, and Wells Counties. These nine counties in North Dakota are eligible for a waiver, based on having an aggregate average unemployment rate for the area that is 20 percent above the national average for the 24-month period of February 2015 through January 2017.

North Dakota will also use 15% exemptions for FFY 2018 for the following counties: Foster, McLean, Mercer, and Oliver.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact our office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michele A. Gee". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "M" and "G".

Michele Gee, Public Assistance Director
North Dakota Department of Human Services