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Bonnie Brathwaite
Food Stamp Program
USDA/FNS, Northeast Region
10 Causeway Street
Boston, MA 02222

Dear Ms. Brathwaite:

Enclosed, please find New Hampshire's request for a waiver to exempt certain identified Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWDS) from the ABAWD employment and training requirements for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2018. New Hampshire has included additional documentation to support our request.

The identified ABAWDS for whom the exemption is sought live in the towns of Cambridge, Clarksville, Columbia, Dixville, Dummer, Ellsworth, Errol, Hales Location, Harts Location, Millsfield, Northumberland, Stark, Stratford, and Wentworth Location, New Hampshire.

New Hampshire's waiver request is based on 7 CFR 273.24 (f)(2), which allows the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) to waive employment and training requirements for ABAWDS if the area in which the individuals live has an average unemployment rate for a 24-month time period that exceeds the national average for the same 24-month period by 20 percent. 7 CFR 273.24(f)(6) provides that States may define areas to be waived.

If you have any questions, please contact Laurie A. Green, the Food Stamp Program Manager, at 603-271-9287.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Terry R. Smith, Director
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