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Ms. Bonnie Brathwaite, Director
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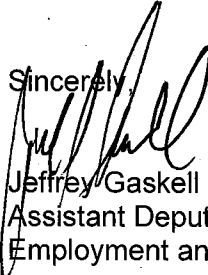
Dear Ms. Brathwaite:

The New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) is seeking approval of the attached State Waiver Request to exempt certain Able-Bodied Adults without Dependents (ABAWDs) in areas of New York State from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) time limits established by 7 CFR 273.24.

New York State is defining the areas to be waived as provided in 7 CFR 273.24 (f)(6). New York State is applying for waivers using a 24-month unemployment rate average that exceeds the national average for this same 24-month time-period by 20 percent or an area that has a low and declining employment-to-population ratio. If New York State elects to not apply an approved waiver in any area of the State, we will notify FNS.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to hearing from you regarding our request. Please contact Stephanie Boshart at: (518) 486-3151, if you would like to discuss or need any additional information.

Sincerely,


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