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Dennis Stewart, SNAP Director
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Dear Mr. Stewart:

The Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) SNAP is operating under waiver 2000039 which suspends time limits on able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWD). The current waiver expires on December 31, 2018.

We are requesting to renew this waiver of the three-month time limit for ABAWDs for twenty-nine contiguous counties based on the region's aggregate average unemployment rate. These areas experienced an averaged unemployment rate of at least 20 percent of the national average over a 24-month period from February 2015 through January 2017. All reservation lands, except a small portion of Grand Rhonde, are included in these 29 counties. We believe the high unemployment rate qualifies these counties to be exempt from the three-month time limit for ABAWDs.

Enclosed with this letter is the request to renew Oregon's Labor Surplus waiver for January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Dawn Myers, SSP Design Program Manager
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Enclosure