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Mr. Eric Ratchford, Regional Director
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Dear Mr. Ratchford:

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is requesting a modification of our ABAWD Waiver #2030035. Enclosed please find the justification for the waiving of 59 counties and 10 municipalities based upon the following:

- The average, or aggregate average, unemployment rate which exceeded the average U.S. unemployment rate by at least 20 percent.

We have sent via electronic copy the analysis and source documents to support this request. This information was compiled from the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry, Center for Workforce Information & Analysis, and the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration.

Thank you for your consideration of this waiver request. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Ms. Tamila Lay, Director, Bureau of Employment Programs, at: (717) 787-8307.

Sincerely,



Lisa M. Watson
Deputy Secretary

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Cathy Buhrig, Director, Bureau of Policy
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