



March 20, 2018

Ms. Bonnie Brathwaite, Director, SNAP
United States Department of Agriculture
Food and Nutrition Service
Northeast Regional Office
10 Causeway Street
Boston, MA 02222

Dear Ms. Brathwaite,

Please find attached Rhode Island's State Waiver Request to modify and extend our current waiver to exempt able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWD's) for the following 26 cities/towns: Bristol, Burrillville, Central Falls, Charlestown, Coventry, Cranston, East Greenwich, East Providence, Foster, Hopkinton, Johnston, Middletown, New Shoreham, North Providence, Pawtucket, Portsmouth, Providence, Scituate, Smithfield, South Kingstown, Tiverton, Warren, Westerly, West Greenwich, West Warwick, and Woonsocket from Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) time limits established by 7CFR 273.24. Rhode Island's current statewide waiver (excluding the town of Richmond) is through August 1, 2018. Based on the State of Rhode Island having an average unemployment rate for a 24-month period that exceeds the national average for the same 24-month period by 20 percent, RI is requesting an extension and modification through August 31, 2019.

Also attached is the Excel sheet showing the BLS data used and calculations, HTML files showing BLS data downloaded and a map showing the requested areas.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please feel free to contact me at iwona.ramian@dhs.ri.gov.

Sincerely,

Kimberly A. Nikolaidis
Assistant SNAP Administrator

Attachments