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Cheryl,

Please find attached South Dakota's ABAWD Waiver request for FY2018. We are requesting the waiver of two different regulations; 7 CFR 273.24(f) to waive areas that do not have sufficient numbers of jobs to provide employment for individuals and 7 CFR 273.24(f)(2)(ii) waive areas due to low and declining employment to population ratios. Both of these waivers use methodology that has been approved in past waiver requests.

Attached with this waiver is the data used to justify the waiver requests. The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (CBPP) assisted us in determining which specific areas and counties eligible for waivers of ABAWD participants. We find CBPP's research and assistance to be a key component in gathering the data to justify this request.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Virginia Hanson'.

Virginia Hanson
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cc: Amanda Doherty-Karber, SD SNAP Administrator
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