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Mr. Dennis Stewart, Regional Director
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
Western Regional Office
Food and Nutrition Services
90 Seventh Street, Suite 10-100
San Francisco, CA 94103

SUBJECT: ABAWD TIME LIMIT WAIVER EXTENSION

Dear Mr. Stewart:

The California Department of Social Services is requesting a one-year extension of its Able Bodied Adults without Dependents (ABAWD) time limit waiver, which will end on August 31, 2019, and applies in 55 of 58 counties. If approved, the waiver extension would be effective September 1, 2019, through August 31, 2020, and would apply in 52 of 58 counties. California seeks timely approval of this waiver request in order to effectively plan for implementation of the ABAWD time limit in three additional California counties as of September 1, 2019.

This request is based on 24 months of unemployment data for the period of January 2016 to December 2017 that indicates that California's unemployment rate remains 20 percent above the national average in this region. The justification for the waiver request has been provided by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities and is attached for your consideration.

If you have any questions, you may contact Alexis Fernández, Chief of the CalFresh Policy Bureau, at (916) 653-6162. You may also reach me at (916) 651-9915.

Sincerely,

Kim McCoy Wade

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