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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-three 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. We are also seeking to include 7 reservation lands in the waiver. The high unemployment rate qualifies these counties and reservation lands 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, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Belit Burke, SSP Program Design Administrator
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Enclosure

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