



May 28, 2020

Julie Mikkelsen
SNAP Director
USDA Food & Nutrition Services
77 W. Jackson, 20th Floor
Chicago, IL 60604-3591

Dear Ms. Mikkelsen:

Please find attached a request to waive federal regulations at 7 CFR 273.24 under the 2001 Rule. The State of Illinois is requesting a waiver to exempt residents residing in the entire State from the SNAP time limits.

The State of Illinois can support a claim of insufficient jobs, and in April 2020, the unemployment rate increased by 302% due to circumstances of the Federal public health emergency. The health emergency also resulted in approval of extended unemployment benefits.

We look forward to hearing from you. If you have additional questions, please contact me at leslie.k.cully@illinois.gov

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Leslie K. Cully, SNAP Director
Illinois Department of Human Services

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