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John Bel Edwards, Governor  
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Mr. Dwight Crudup, Director  
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program  
Southwest Regional Office  
Food and Nutrition Service  
1100 Commerce St., Room 522  
Dallas, Texas 75242

RE: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) – Waiver for Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWDs) – 7CFR 273.24(f)(2)

Dear Mr. Crudup,

The Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) is requesting an extension of the ABAWD waiver for the entire state of Louisiana. The state has an unemployment rate greater than 20 percent above the national average for the 24-month period of January 2018 through December 2019. Louisiana's average unemployment rate for this period was 4.8 percent. The state's current ABAWD waiver will expire on August 31, 2020. We are requesting an extension of this waiver for the entire state for one-year from September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021.

The Department of Children of Family Services has the support of Louisiana's Governor John Bel Edwards.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Kim Matherne at (225) 219-2428 or by email at [Kim.Matherne.DCFS@la.gov](mailto:Kim.Matherne.DCFS@la.gov).

Sincerely,

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