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Bonnie Brathwaite
SNAP Division Director
FNS/NERO
10 Causeway Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02222

Re: FFY 2020 ABAWD Geographic Waiver Request

Dear Ms. Brathwaite,

Enclosed is the Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance's (DTA) request to modify and extend waiver number 2150057.

Under 7 CFR 273.24(f), upon the request of a State agency, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) may waive the applicability of the Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) time limit for any group of individuals in the State if FNS makes a determination that the area in which the individuals reside does not have a sufficient number of jobs to provide employment for the individuals. The State of Massachusetts requests to exempt ABAWDs in 83 towns and cities from SNAP time limits at 7 CFR 273.24 from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

If you have questions or require additional information, please contact Cynthia Zabin, Assistant Director for SNAP Compliance, at 617-348-8464 or via email at cynthia.zabin@state.ma.us.

Sincerely,

Melissa Pullin
Acting Commissioner

cc: Robin Magee, FNS/NERO
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