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Melissa Cundari, Director
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
United States Department of Agriculture
Food and Nutrition Service
77 West Jackson Street, 20th Floor
Chicago, IL 60604-3591

Dear Ms. Cundari,

Attached is Minnesota's initial request for an ABAWD waiver effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Minnesota is requesting a waiver under §7 CFR 243.24 to exempt all Minnesota residents from the SNAP time limit using February 18, 2021 Trigger Notice Report number 2020-38, State Extended Benefit Indicators under P.L. 112-240, Effective October 4, 2020, from the Department of Labor. The notice shows the State's 13-week insured unemployment rate was: (1) 8.87 percent and (2) 1002 percent of the 13-week rate for the corresponding period in the two preceding years, making the State eligible for extended unemployment benefits.

The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities prepared the waiver and analysis.

If you have questions, please contact Pamela Majkozak, SNAP Policy Analyst, at 651-431-2765, or pamela.majkozak@state.mn.us.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Kathy Bruen'.

Kathy Bruen, Manager, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
Minnesota Department of Human Services

Enclosures

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Tikki Brown, Director, Office of Economic Opportunity and Nutrition Assistance (via email)