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Dear Director Ratchford:

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is requesting a modification of our ABAWD Waiver #2150045. This request is being submitted with the support of Governor Tom Wolf, the chief executive officer of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Enclosed please find the justification for a statewide waiver based upon the following:

- The state has been determined by the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Unemployment Insurance as qualifying for extended unemployment benefits under the standard at 20 CFR §615.12(a)(1).

We have sent, via electronic copy, the analysis and source documents to support this request. This information was compiled from the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Unemployment Insurance.

Pending the approval of this waiver modification request, Pennsylvania elects to continue the 60 county, two municipality ABAWD waiver #2150045 previously approved by FNS on December 6, 2019. Pennsylvania will also continue to enforce the temporary suspension of the time limit included in the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (Pub. L. 116-127).

Thank you for your consideration of this waiver request. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Tanoa Fagan, Director, Bureau of Employment Programs, at: (717) 787-8307.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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