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Charles Tobin, Regional Director
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) United
States Department of Agriculture
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Dear Mr. Tobin:

Washington state requests a waiver from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) requirements for Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) under 7 CFR 273.24 for all state counties. If approved, this waiver would replace Washington's current ABAWD waiver 2150021 set to expire on December 31, 2021. We are requesting waiver approval effective June 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Under SNAP regulations at 7 CFR 273.24(f)(2), the State may support a claim of insufficient jobs by submitting evidence that the State qualifies for extended unemployment benefits within the past 12 months. The Department of Labor's Trigger Notice No. 2020 – 21 shows the State's 13-week insured unemployment rate (IUR) was: (1) 12.98 percent and (2) 834 percent of the 13-week rate for the corresponding period in the two preceding years, making the State eligible for extended unemployment benefits.

As a Pledge state, Washington acknowledges that under 7 CFR 273.7(d)(3), we will no longer be eligible for pledge dollars during the time period the waiver is in effect. Washington's request for a waiver should not be read as an agreement that the anticipated waiver will affect the State's claim to pledge funding for periods prior to the waiver's effective date.

Thank you for your consideration of this waiver request. If you have any questions please contact Spring Benson at (360) 522-0179, Spring.Benson@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Babette Roberts, Director
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Enclosure

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