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Dear Mr. Tobin:

Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) SNAP program is currently operating under waiver 2000039 which suspended time limits on able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWD) for FFY2021. Oregon is requesting to extend this waiver using SNAP regulations at 7 CFR 273.24(f) (2001 standards) which indicate a State may support a claim of insufficient jobs by submitting evidence that the State qualified for extended unemployment benefits within the past 12 months.

26 USC 3304 (Public Law 102-318) allows States to use a trigger for the extended benefits program, based on the State's not seasonally adjusted insured unemployment rate (IUR) for the most recent 13 weeks reaching at least:

- 5 percent; and 120 percent of such IUR for the corresponding 13-week periods ending in each of the two preceding calendar years; or
- 6 percent regardless of the preceding calendar years.

The Department of Labor's Trigger Notice No. 2020 – 38 shows the State's 13-week insured unemployment rate (IUR) was: (1) 9.02 percent and (2) 715 percent of the 13-week rate for the corresponding period in the two preceding years, making the State eligible for extended unemployment benefits.

Enclosed with this letter is the request to extend Oregon's time limit waiver for October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022 for the entire state. This aligns with Oregon's Employment and Training state plan and allows sufficient time for Oregon to prepare its E&T services.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone on 503-302-1063 or alternatively by email: heather.j.miles@state.or.us

Sincerely,

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