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Charles Tobin, Regional Director
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) United
States Department of Agriculture
Western Region, Food and Nutrition Service
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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 00002082 set to expire on May 31, 2022. In light of the ongoing economic recovery in the wake of the global pandemic, we are requesting an extension to the waiver approval effective February 28, 2022 through March 1, 2023.

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.

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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