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John Bel Edwards, Governor
Marketa Garner Walters, Secretary

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Leslie Lankster, SNAP Division Director
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Dallas, TX 75242

RE: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) – Waiver for Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWDs) – 7CFR 273.24(f)(2)

Dear Ms. Lankster,

The Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) is requesting an extension of the ABAWD waiver for the entire state of Louisiana. The State's 3-month average total unemployment rate (TUR) was: (1) 6.6 percent and (2) 14.7 percent of the 3-month average for the corresponding period in the second preceding year, making the State eligible for extended unemployment benefits. The state's current ABAWD waiver will expire on August 31, 2022. We are requesting an extension of this waiver for the entire state for one-year from October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.

The Department of Children of Family Services has the support of Louisiana's Governor John Bel Edwards.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Kim Matherne at (225) 219-2428 or by email at Kim.Matherne.DCFS@la.gov.

Sincerely,

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