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Bonnie Brathwaite
SNAP Director
United States Department of Agriculture
Food and Nutrition Service
Northeast Regional Office
10 Causeway Street, Room 501
Boston, Massachusetts 02222

Dear Director Brathwaite:

The New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) is seeking approval of the attached State Waiver Request to exempt all Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) residing in New York State from federal ABAWD eligibility requirements for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) established by 7 CFR 273.24.

Under SNAP regulations at 7 CFR 273.24(f)(1)(ii), the United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service (USDA FNS) may waive the time limit for ABAWDs if it is determined that the area in which the individuals reside does not have a sufficient number of jobs to provide employment for the individuals. Regulations at 7 CFR 273.24(f)(2)(ii) allow that a 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 United States Department of Labor's Trigger Notice No. 2022-9 shows the State's 3-month average total unemployment rate (TUR) was: (1) 6.6 percent and (2) 178 percent of the 3-month average for the corresponding period in the second preceding year, making the State eligible for extended unemployment benefits.

This waiver request has the support of New York State's Governor's Office.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to hearing from you regarding our request. Please contact Stephanie Boshart at (518) 486-3151 if you would like to discuss or need any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Valerie T. Figueroa".

Valerie T. Figueroa
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