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Mr. James Abraham
SNAP Division Director
Food and Nutrition Service Southwest Region
United States Department of Agriculture
1100 Commerce Street, Room 522
Dallas, Texas 75242

Dear Mr. Abraham:

Included for your approval is Arizona's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Able Bodied Adult Without Dependents time-limit State Waiver Request.

The State of Arizona seeks a waiver for a group of 14 contiguous counties based on the region's aggregate average unemployment rate for the 24-month period of May 2021 - April 2023. The average national unemployment rate for this period was 4.0 percent; 20 percent above this was 4.8 percent. The region's aggregate average unemployment rate for this period was 4.9 percent.

The State also requests to waive 15 tribal reservations based on having average unemployment rates exceeding the national average for a recent 24-month period. The national average unemployment rate for this 24-month period was 4.0 percent; 20 percent above this was 4.8 percent. The unemployment rates in these 15 tribal reservations range from 5.0% to 23.5%. The reservation unemployment rates were calculated by applying 2017 - 2021 American Community Survey share ratios to county-level Bureau of Labor Statistics data from May 2021 - April 2023.

This request has the support of Arizona's Governor, the State's chief executive officer.

If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Meeden, Senior Policy Manager, Division of Employment and Rehabilitation Services, at (480) 271-5794 or nmeeden@azdes.gov.

Sincerely,

Angie Rodgers
Director

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