

May 19, 2023

Melissa Cundari, SNAP Director
USDA Food & Nutrition Services
Midwest Regional Office
77 W. Jackson, 20th Floor
Chicago, IL 60604-3591

Dear Ms. Cundari:

Please find attached a request to waive Federal regulations at 7 CFR 273.24 Work Requirements. The State of Illinois is requesting a waiver to continue exempting residents residing in the entire State from the SNAP time limits.

The State of Illinois can continue to support a claim of approval due to insufficient jobs and an average unemployment rate for a 24-month period which exceeds the national average for the same 24-month period by 20 percent.

We look forward to hearing from you. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Terri Vaniter terri.vaniter@illinois.gov

Sincerely,



Leslie Cully, SNAP Director
Illinois Department of Human Services

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Cc: Terri Vaniter, Bureau of Policy Development