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Extended Benefits Trigger Waiver Request

Dear Mr. Casey,

This letter accompanies the updates to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - Employment and Training Plan for the State of Colorado for federal year 2012. At this time Colorado also wishes to request the statewide waiver of the ABAWD work requirements under the guidance that provides that states that meet the Department of Labor and Employment extended unemployment insurance benefits (EB) criteria can qualify for a 12-month statewide ABAWD waiver. The DOL EC Trigger Notice 2011-13, effective April 10, 2011, indicates that Colorado met the EB criteria. Colorado intends to continue operating the ABAWD program in Arapahoe, Denver, and El Paso counties, imposing the ABAWD work requirement in those counties. We are applying once again to be a pledge state and will provide an opportunity to every at-risk ABAWD to meet the work requirement.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me at 303-866-2629

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen Mahoney". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kathleen" and last name "Mahoney" clearly legible.

Kathleen Mahoney, Manager
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