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Roderick Bremby
Commissioner
State of Connecticut
Department of Social Services
55 Farmington Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut 06105

RE: SNAP – Connecticut Request to Waive Able-Bodied Adults without
Dependents Time Limit – Approval

Dear Commissioner Bremby:

This is in response to the Connecticut State agency's request to waive the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) time limit for able-bodied adults without dependents in 123 jurisdictions from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. The State agency had already requested to waive 116 jurisdictions for the same time period, and the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) approved that request on September 8, 2016. The State agency has now submitted an amended request which includes seven more jurisdictions.

The State agency's request meets the requirements for approval provided at 7 CFR 273.24(f) and relevant FNS guidance. Therefore, FNS is approving Connecticut to waive the time limit in the 123 jurisdictions for the requested 12-month period. This approval amends waiver number 2150020 and replaces FNS September 8, 2016 approval of the same number. The attached waiver response includes the approved areas, the supporting evidence used, and the conditions of approval. If you have any questions please contact Kevin Pasquaretta at Kevin.Pasquaretta@fns.usda.gov.

Sincerely,


FOR

Sasha Gersten-Paal
Chief
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Enclosure

WAIVER RESPONSE

1. **Waiver serial number:** 2150020
2. **Type of request:** Extension and amendment
3. **Statutory citation:** Section 6(o) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended
4. **Regulatory citation:** 7 CFR 273.24
5. **State:** Connecticut
6. **Region:** Northeast
7. **Requirement:** Section 6(o) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended, provides that no able-bodied adult without dependents (ABAWD) shall be eligible to participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) as a member of any household if the individual received program benefits for more than 3 months during any 3-year period in which the individual was subject to, but did not comply with, the ABAWD work requirement. Section 6(o) also provides that, upon the request of the State agency, the Secretary may waive the applicability of the 3-month ABAWD time limit for any group of individuals in the State, if the Secretary makes a determination that the area in which the individuals reside in has an unemployment rate of over 10 percent, or does not have a sufficient number of jobs to provide employment for the individuals.
8. **Proposed alternative procedures:** The Connecticut State agency has requested to waive the ABAWD time limit in 123 contiguous jurisdictions from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. The State agency has supported its request based upon the combined area having an aggregate average unemployment rate 20 percent above the national average for the 24-month period of August 2014 through July 2016. During this time period the national average unemployment rate was 5.28 percent; 20 percent above that rate is 6.3 percent. As detailed in the following tables, the aggregate unemployment rates for the combined 123 jurisdiction area reached 6.4 percent during the selected time period.

Bureau of Labor Statistics Local Area Unemployment Data
August 2014 through July 2016*

Jurisdiction	Unemployed	Labor Force
1. Andover town, CT	2,140	46,242
2. Ansonia city/town, CT	18,385	227,433
3. Ashford town, CT	2,911	60,884
4. Barkhamsted town, CT	2,637	55,185
5. Beacon Falls town, CT	4,288	81,676
6. Berlin town, CT	13,325	280,269
7. Bethel town, CT	12,300	257,308
8. Bethany town, CT	3,372	74,205
9. Bethlehem town, CT	2,295	47,105
10. Bloomfield town, CT	17,430	274,630
11. Bozrah town, CT	1,927	34,719
12. Branford town, CT	19,602	382,834
13. Bridgeport city/town, CT	151,105	1,712,552
14. Bridgewater town, CT	923	20,656
15. Bristol city/town, CT	51,833	790,427
16. Brookfield town, CT	10,183	223,982
17. Brooklyn town, CT	5,883	98,540
18. Canterbury town, CT	4,095	68,673
19. Chaplin town, CT	1,836	30,009
20. Clinton town, CT	8,409	174,672
21. Colchester town, CT	10,345	224,915
22. Colebrook town, CT	943	20,282
23. Columbia town, CT	3,684	77,320
24. Coventry town, CT	8,492	184,850
25. Cromwell town, CT	9,175	190,185
26. Deep River	3,153	69,173
27. Derby city/town, CT	11,600	165,179
28. East Haddam town, CT	6,140	120,066
29. East Hampton town, CT	8,313	181,677
30. East Hartford town, CT	50,837	658,978
31. East Haven town, CT	24,383	378,402
32. East Lyme town, CT	11,012	207,263
33. East Windsor town, CT	9,276	155,670
34. Eastford town, CT	930	22,398
35. Ellington town, CT	10,388	217,872
36. Enfield town, CT	31,697	552,426
37. Essex town, CT	3,833	80,130
38. Fairfield town, CT	33,525	698,795
39. Franklin town, CT	1,385	25,913
40. Goshen town, CT	1,854	39,678
41. Griswold town, CT	10,701	151,858

42. Groton town, CT	23,523	444,302
43. Hamden town, CT	44,846	839,503
44. Hampton town, CT	1,320	24,700
45. Hartford city/town, CT	138,650	1,302,046
46. Hartland town, CT	1,315	27,243
47. Harwinton town, CT	3,519	76,678
48. Killingly town, CT	16,626	229,601
49. Lebanon town, CT	5,025	97,583
50. Ledyard town, CT	9,837	190,983
51. Lisbon town, CT	3,524	56,266
52. Manchester town, CT	45,798	783,153
53. Mansfield town, CT	16,460	299,985
54. Meriden city/town, CT	59,097	773,672
55. Middlebury town, CT	4,203	91,187
56. Middlefield town, CT	2,926	59,924
57. Middletown city/town, CT	37,335	626,718
58. Milford (consolidated) city/town, CT	37,284	713,300
59. Monroe town, CT	12,854	244,838
60. Montville town, CT	14,475	226,064
61. Morris town, CT	1,607	34,323
62. Naugatuck borough/town, CT	28,730	415,706
63. New Britain city/town, CT	75,867	880,795
64. New Fairfield	8,333	173,364
65. New Hartford town, CT	4,831	95,377
66. New Haven city/town, CT	123,943	1,544,296
67. New London city/town, CT	25,523	290,657
68. New Milford town, CT	18,687	371,569
69. Newington town, CT	20,522	412,632
70. Norfolk town, CT	1,139	21,710
71. North Branford	9,391	194,933
72. North Canaan town, CT	1,969	40,712
73. North Haven town, CT	15,858	318,243
74. North Stonington town, CT	3,656	69,598
75. Norwalk city/town, CT	61,651	1,203,321
76. Norwich city/town, CT	37,367	490,313
77. Old Lyme town, CT	4,295	89,731
78. Old Saybrook town, CT	5,940	121,325
79. Oxford town, CT	8,471	170,404
80. Plainfield town, CT	15,457	207,674
81. Plainville town, CT	14,018	249,441
82. Plymouth town, CT	11,528	160,960
83. Pomfret town, CT	2,577	59,084
84. Portland town, CT	6,469	130,539
85. Preston town, CT	3,509	58,210
86. Prospect town, CT	6,601	132,547

87. Putnam town, CT	8,157	115,977
88. Salem town, CT	2,846	50,771
89. Scotland town, CT	1,222	22,874
90. Seymour town, CT	13,788	216,155
91. Shelton city/town, CT	30,258	530,020
92. Somers town, CT	6,199	123,433
93. Southbury town, CT	11,255	211,478
94. Southington town, CT	28,576	580,022
95. Sprague town, CT	2,736	39,112
96. Stafford town, CT	10,273	163,445
97. Sterling town, CT	3,797	48,666
98. Stonington town, CT	11,807	229,643
99. Stratford town, CT	45,333	663,933
100. Suffield town, CT	8,649	180,314
101. Thomaston town, CT	6,031	113,155
102. Thompson town, CT	6,997	124,594
103. Torrington city/town, CT	31,291	475,874
104. Trumbull town, CT	21,452	433,944
105. Union town, CT	541	11,070
106. Vernon town, CT	23,799	408,674
107. Voluntown town, CT	2,181	35,693
108. Wallingford town, CT	32,115	626,573
109. Warren town, CT	969	19,166
110. Waterbury city/town, CT	120,196	1,228,402
111. Waterford town, CT	13,042	243,148
112. Watertown town, CT	15,955	311,191
113. West Haven city/town, CT	52,415	720,884
114. Westbrook town, CT	4,442	86,088
115. Westport town, CT	13,223	298,615
116. Wethersfield town, CT	17,225	334,850
117. Winchester town, CT	9,638	151,494
118. Windham town, CT	22,418	299,297
119. Windsor Locks town, CT	10,185	175,897
120. Windsor town, CT	22,776	395,383
121. Wolcott town, CT	11,705	234,939
122. Woodbury town, CT	6,060	132,537
123. Woodstock town, CT	5,008	99,003
Totals	2,217,661	34,546,555
Combined Area Unemployment Rate	6.4%	

*Data extracted from www.bls.gov on October 7, 2016.

9. **Action and reason for approval or denial:** The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is approving the Connecticut State agency's request to waive the ABAWD time limit in the 123 jurisdictions, because the areas meet the requirements for approval provided at 7 CFR 273.24(f) and relevant FNS guidance.

- 10. Regulatory or legislative basis for action:** The waiver is approved pursuant to section 6(o) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended and 7 CFR 273.24(f).
- 11. Information required for an extension:** To receive an amendment or extension the State agency must provide FNS with a formal request supported by data or other information as described in 7 CFR 273.24(f). Any request based upon unemployment rates must include data spreadsheets and supporting documentation.
- 12. Implementation date and expiration date:** The waiver is effective January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.
- 13. Limitation, if any, on Regional Office approval of like requests:** The waiver is limited to the Connecticut State agency.
- 14. Date of National Office action:** **OCT 21 2016**
- 15. Date of State agency's request:** October 5, 2016
- 16. Date of Regional Office transmittal of request:** October 5, 2016
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