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Mary Ann Ferris
SNAP Program Director
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Dear Ms. Ferris,

Subject: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)-Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents Waivers for Fiscal Year 2011

As per the USDA NERO Memo issued February 2, 2010, which confirmed that Maine's unemployment levels do trigger criteria for extended benefits. This, in turn, allows Maine to extend the suspension of SNAP time limits on Able-Bodied Adults without Dependents (ABAWDS) to September 30, 2011, without an approved FNS waiver. Please consider this letter as formal notification of Maine's intention to continue the ABAWD restriction suspension waiver through September 30, 2011.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Barbara J. VanBurgel, Director
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