



Minnesota Department of **Human Services**

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Tim English, Regional Director
Food Stamp Program – Midwest Region
Food and Nutrition Service, USDA
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Dear Mr. English:

This letter is in response to the letter from Art Foley, Director dated January 29, 2010 about the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) – Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents Waivers (ABAWD) for Fiscal Year 2011. Minnesota is listed as one of the 49 states that meet the extended benefit criteria listed in this letter. Minnesota will be adopting the provisions of this waiver and suspending the time limits on ABAWDs receiving Food Support (FS) in Minnesota through September 30, 2011. The 87 counties and tribes in Minnesota will be notified of this ABAWD waiver and the continued suspension of the ABAWD time limits.

If you need more information about our decision to adopt this waiver or if you have questions about this letter, please contact Karen Nelsen-Huss at 651-431-4027.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Johnson
Assistant Commissioner
Children & Family Services

cc: Steve Erbes, Food Support Employment and Training Coordinator – Minnesota
Department of Employment and Economic Development