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Ms. Phyllis Morris  
Deputy Commissioner  
Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance  
Center for Employment and Economic Supports  
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RE: SNAP – New York Request to Waive Able-bodied Adults without Dependents  
Time Limit – Expansion to City of Utica – Approval

Dear Ms. Morris:

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is approving the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance's (ODTA) request to expand waiver number 2150029 to the City of Utica. This will allow the State to exempt able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDs) who reside in Utica from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) time limit at 7 CFR 273.24 for calendar year 2016.

On November 10, 2015, FNS approved New York's request to waive the time limit in 20 counties, six cities, and four community districts based upon the areas having a lack of sufficient jobs, as supported by unemployment rates 20 percent above the national average for a recent 24-month period.

On November 17, 2015, New York submitted a request to modify this waiver approval to include residents of the City of Utica. This request is based on Utica's designation as a Labor Surplus Area (LSA) by the Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration. Along with the waiver modification request, the State agency provided information from the Department of Labor showing that the city has been declared an LSA for the current fiscal year.

### **Conditions of Approval**

FNS is approving the State agency's request to expand waiver number 2150029 to the City of Utica under the same conditions provided by the November 10, 2015, approval. The waiver for Utica is effective January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016.

### **Regulatory or Legislative Basis for Action**

The waiver is approved pursuant to 7 CFR 273.24(f).

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sasha Gersten-Paal". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sasha Gersten-Paal  
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