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Dear Mr. Kluxen:

The Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare (DPW) intends to adopt the 12-month statewide waiver of the Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) requirements. Administrative Notice 21-2010 states that Pennsylvania qualifies for this waiver because we meet the criteria for extended unemployment benefits as determined by the Department of Labor's Unemployment Insurance Service effective January 24, 2010. Adoption of this waiver will allow Pennsylvania to suspend the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program time limits on ABAWDs through September 30, 2011.

Thank you for your consideration and acknowledgement of DPW's decision to adopt this waiver. If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Edward J. Zogby, Director, Bureau of Policy, at (717) 787-4081.

Sincerely,

Linda T. Blanchette

cc: Mr. Zogby

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