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Peggy Fouts, Regional Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Director
Southeast Region, Food and Nutrition Services
United States Department of Agriculture
61 Forsyth Street, Suite 8T36
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Ms. Fouts:

Tennessee received a Memorandum concerning states being waived from the Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) time limits for participation in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for fiscal year 2013.

According to the Department of Labor, Tennessee is one of the states that met the emergency unemployment compensation criteria. As our state is one that met the criteria, Tennessee wishes to suspend the time limits on ABAWDs through at least September 30, 2013.

Please let this letter be Tennessee's written notification of their decision to adopt this waiver.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Richard Dobbs at 615-313-5652.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Dobbs".

Richard Dobbs
Food Stamp (SNAP) Director
Tennessee Department of Human Services

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