



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

February 3, 2026

The Honorable Secretary Brooke L. Rollins
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Secretary Rollins,

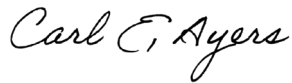
On behalf of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Virginia Department of Social Services respectfully request an extension of the implementation date for Virginia's approved SNAP Food Restriction Waiver Demonstration Project. Virginia is currently scheduled to implement the demonstration project on April 1, 2026, and is requesting an extension of six months to October 1, 2026.

This additional time will allow the new administration and agency leadership to fully review the demonstration project, align implementation activities with updated administrative priorities, and ensure all operational, systems, and stakeholder readiness components are in place. It is our strong desire to implement this waiver thoughtfully and effectively, and we believe that the requested extension will better position Virginia for a successful launch and sustained compliance with federal requirements.

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Virginia remains committed to working collaboratively with USDA Food and Nutrition Service staff throughout the implementation process. We appreciate USDA's continued partnership and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carl E. Ayers". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "C" and "A".

Carl E. Ayers
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