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Ms. Babette Roberts, Acting Director
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Dear Ms. Roberts:

This is sent in response to your letter dated February 2, 2010 informing us of Washington's intent to apply a 12-month statewide Able-Bodied Adults without Dependents (ABAWDs) time limit waiver to suspend the time limit on ABAWDs through September 30, 2011.

We wanted to let you know that this letter of intent is sufficient and that a formal waiver request is not necessary at this time. Under federal regulations at 7 CFR 273.24(f)(2), a State can qualify for a 12-month statewide ABAWD waiver if the Department of Labor's Unemployment Insurance Service determines it meets the criteria for extended unemployment benefits (EB). Under longstanding guidance, States that meet the EB criteria can qualify for a 12-month statewide ABAWD waiver, up to 12 months after the trigger date.

According to Administrative Notice 10-16 and the DOL Trigger Notice 2010-2, effective January 24, 2010, Washington meets these criteria; therefore, we are granting the extension through September 30, 2011.

Please contact Maribelle Balbes of my staff via email at Maribelle.Balbes@fns.usda.gov, or at (415) 705-1361 ext. 516, or Roger Brockmeyer via email at Roger.Brockmeyer@fns.usda.gov, or at ext. 533.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis Stewart".

DENNIS STEWART
Regional Director
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Cc: John Camp, WA/SA

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