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Patricia Solis, Regional Director
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Dear Ms. Solis:

Under Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program regulations at 7 CFR 273.24(f)(2), a State can qualify for a 12-month statewide Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) waiver if the Department of Labor's Unemployment Insurance Service determines the State meets the criteria. Wisconsin currently adopts the suspension of time limited benefits for ABAWDS as a continuation of programmatic practice commenced in 2008.

As you know, Wisconsin plans to lift the suspension of work requirements for effective ABAWDs July 1, 2014. Nevertheless, Wisconsin would like to respectfully request an extension of our current policy through federal fiscal year 2013. We are actively working towards new program options that will provide beneficial work support and employment services to people on FoodShare, and plan to amend our policy accordingly.

Thank you for considering this request. If you have any questions, you or your staff may contact Margaret Rosenthal at (608) 261-9420.

Sincerely,

Shawn Smith
FoodShare Director

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