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Mr. William Kluxen, Regional Director
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
United States Department of Agriculture
Food and Nutrition Service
300 Corporate Boulevard
Robbinsville, New Jersey 08691-1598

Dear Mr. Kluxen:

I am writing to request a waiver for the State of West Virginia for Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD).

Under Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) regulations § 7 CFR 273.24(f) (2), West Virginia qualifies for a 12-month statewide ABAWD waiver. We are requesting that the United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service grant our waiver request for the SNAP Employment & Training State Plan for Fiscal Year 2012. This would be a waiver from the Department of Labor's Trigger notice 2010-2.

West Virginia requests the time-limited waiver to suspend ABAWD operations statewide during Federal Fiscal year 2012.

Please feel free to call Monica Hamilton at (304) 356-4619 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John J. Najmowski".

John J. Najmowski
Commissioner

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cc: Ellen Thaler
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