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Kate Brown, Governor

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Charles Tobin, SNAP Director  
Western Region Office, FNS, USDA  
90 Seventh Street, Suite 10-100  
San Francisco, CA 94103.

Dear Mr. Tobin,

The Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) SNAP is operating under waiver 2000039 which suspends time limits on able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWD). The current waiver expires on March 31, 2020.

Oregon is requesting to renew this waiver of the three-month time limit for ABAWDs for six (6) counties and seven (7) reservations based on each individual area having an average unemployment rate of at least 20 percent above the national average and exceeding the 6 percent floor requirement. The six (6) eligible counties were identified based on the BLS unemployment data for the period of July 2017 to June 2019. The seven (7) reservations were identified based on the ACS unemployment data for the same time period.

Oregon also seeks to waive one (1) additional reservation based on having an unemployment rate at of at least 20 percent above the national average.

Enclosed with this letter is the request to renew Oregon's Labor Surplus waiver for April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021. Oregon received the support from the chief executive officer, Governor Kate Brown on January 23, 2020 to submit this request.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone on 503-945-6092 or alternatively by email: [heather.j.miles@state.or.us](mailto:heather.j.miles@state.or.us)

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Heather Miles, SNAP Program Manager  
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