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Dear Ms. Balbes:

The Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) SNAP is operating under waiver 2000039 which suspends time limits for certain able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWD). The current waiver expires on December 31, 2019.

Oregon is requesting a renewal of this waiver that allows suspension of time limits for ABAWDs based on area unemployment rates. The waiver request for 2020 is to waive thirty-one (31) counties based on that region's aggregate average unemployment rate. The thirty-one (31) eligible counties were identified based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics unemployment data for the period of April 2017 through March 2019.

In addition, Oregon requests to waive seven (7) Native American reservation lands based on their average unemployment rates, which also exceed the national average for the time period listed above.

Oregon's request to renew the Labor Surplus waiver for January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 is enclosed.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Belit Burke, SSP Program Design Administrator
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