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Eric Ratchford, Regional Director  
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program  
USDA, Food and Nutrition Service  
Mid-Atlantic Region  
300 Corporate Boulevard  
Robbinsville, New Jersey 08691-1598

Dear Director Ratchford:

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is requesting a modification of our ABAWD Waiver #2150045. Enclosed please find the justification for the waiving of 60 counties and 2 municipalities based upon the following:

- The average, or aggregate average, unemployment rate which exceeded the average U.S. unemployment rate by at least 20 percent.

We have sent, via electronic copy, the analysis and source documents to support this request. This information was compiled from the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry, Center for Workforce Information & Analysis, and the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration.

Thank you for your consideration of this waiver request. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Ms. Tanoa Fagan, Director, Bureau of Employment Programs, at: (717) 787-8307.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Lisa M. Watson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lisa M. Watson, J.D.  
Deputy Secretary

Enclosures

c: Cathy Buhrig, Director, Bureau of Policy  
Tanoa Fagan, Director, Bureau of Employment Programs