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Willie Taylor, Regional Administrator, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program  
Southeast Region, Food and Nutrition Services  
United States Department of Agriculture  
61 Forsyth Street, Suite 8T36  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Taylor:

RE: ABAWD Waiver Request for FY 2021

The State of Tennessee is requesting to exempt able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDs) from SNAP time limits from September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021 for all 95 Tennessee counties.

Under SNAP regulations at 7 CFR 273.24(f)(2), the State may support a claim of insufficient jobs by submitting evidence that the State qualifies for extended unemployment benefits within the past 12 months. The Department of Labor's Trigger Notice No. 2020 – 31 shows the State's 13-week insured unemployment rate (IUR) was: (1) 8.49 percent and (2) 1380 percent of the 13-week rate for the corresponding period in the two preceding years, making the State eligible for extended unemployment benefits.

Sincerely,

*Lisa A. Cowell*

Lisa Cowell, Director  
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Enclosures