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Charles Tobin, Regional Program Director
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
United States Department of Agriculture
Western Region, Food and Nutrition Service
90 Seventh Street, Suite 10-100
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Dear Mr. Tobin:

Washington State is requesting an amended waiver from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) work requirements for Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) under 7 CFR §273.24, effective April 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. We request to exempt ABAWDs in 13 Labor Market Areas (LMAs) and 9 tribal reservations from SNAP time limits at 7 CFR 273.24 as amended by the Food and Nutrition Service's final rule (84 FR 66782). These tribal reservations fall within the waived LMAs.

The following tribes are also eligible for a waiver based on 24 months of unemployment rates and are not in an eligible LMA: Chehalis, Colville, Kalispel, Muckleshoot, Nisqually, Nooksack, Port Gamble, Sauk-Suiattle, Spokane, Tulalip and Upper Skagit. For the state to formally ask for the tribal reservations to be included in the waiver, there must be a letter of support from the tribe per Washington State Administrative Policy No.7.01. We await formal support from the tribes to request an amended waiver on their behalf.

Thank you for your consideration of this waiver request. If you have any questions please contact Shavana Howard at (360) 725-4338 or Shavana.Howard@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Babs Roberts, Director,
Community Services Division

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