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Charles Tobin, Director  
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program  
Western Regional Office  
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90 Seventh Street, Suite 10-100  
San Francisco, CA 94103

**SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA ABAWD TIME LIMIT WAIVER EXTENSION**

Dear Mr. Tobin,

The California Department of Social Services is requesting a one-year extension of its statewide Able-Bodied Adults without Dependents (ABAWD) time limit waiver, which will end on October 31, 2024. If approved, the waiver extension would be effective November 1, 2024, through October 31, 2025, and would continue to apply statewide.

This request is based on 24 months of California's unemployment data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the period of January 2022 to December 2023. The justification for the waiver request has been provided by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities and is attached for your consideration.

We appreciate FNS' consideration of California's request and appreciate a prompt response so that we may issue necessary guidance. We are available to discuss should FNS have questions related to this request.

If you have any questions, you may contact me via email at [Andrea.Brayboy@dss.ca.gov](mailto:Andrea.Brayboy@dss.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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