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

Dear Mr. Charles Tobin:

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is requesting a two-year Able-Bodied Adults without Dependents (ABAWD) time limit waiver. If approved, the waiver will be effective February 1, 2025 through January 31, 2027, and will apply in all 58 California counties. California's current waiver is scheduled to end on October 31, 2025.

This request is due to California having insufficient jobs based on unemployment data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the 36-month period of December 2021 through November 2024.

We appreciate FNS' consideration of California's request and appreciate a prompt response so that we may issue necessary guidance. In addition, to expedite the review and decision process for CDSS' request, we are available for a conference call at your earliest convenience to discuss our request.

If you have any questions regarding this waiver request, you may contact me at (916) 201-0298 or Alexis.Garcia@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Alexis Fernández García
Deputy Director, Family Engagement and Empowerment Division
California Department of Social Services

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