



## MUCKLESHOOT INDIAN TRIBE

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Brice Montgomery, Inteim Director  
DSHS Community Services Division  
P.O. Box 45440  
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Dear Brice Montgomery,

The Muckleshoot Indian Tribe supports the submission of a waiver by the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services on the Tribe's behalf as it relates to tribal Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents residents through Federal Fiscal Year 2025.

The Muckleshoot Indian Tribe is in support of DSHS requesting this waiver based on our unemployment rate.

The waiver would exempt residents in our geographic area from participation requirements in work-like activities each month to maintain their Basic Food assistance eligibility. We believe this waiver will be crucial to our ABAWDs who require support in meeting their basic needs, including Basic Food.

Providing services to individuals with high needs in high-need communities has been a service priority of DSHS as well as our Tribe. We look forward to continuing our partnership with DSHS and to helping support the families in our community.

Sincerely,

Jeff Songster, CFO/Acting CEO  
Muckleshoot Indian Tribe