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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 Charles Tobin:

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is requesting a one-year Able-Bodied Adults without Dependents (ABAWD) time limit waiver. If approved, the waiver will be effective from February 1, 2026, through January 31, 2027, and will apply in three California counties: Colusa County, Imperial County, and Tulare County. California's current waiver is scheduled to end on January 31, 2026.

California seeks a waiver for these three individual counties based on their unemployment rates being above 10 percent for the 12-month period of July 2024 through June 2025.

We appreciate FNS' consideration of California's request and appreciate a prompt response so that we may issue necessary guidance.

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

Enclosures