



Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance

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Matthew Henschel
SNAP Director
United States Department of Agriculture
Food and Nutrition Service
Northeast Regional Office
10 Causeway Street, Room 501
Boston, Massachusetts 02222

Dear Director Henschel:

The New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) is seeking approval of the attached State Waiver Request to exempt Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) residing in certain areas of New York State from federal ABAWD requirements for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) established by 7 CFR 273.24.

New York State is defining the areas to be waived as provided in 7 CFR 273.24 (f)(6) and is applying for waivers using a 12-month unemployment rate average that exceeds 10 percent.

This waiver request has the support of New York State's Governor's Office.

Thank you for your consideration as we look forward to hearing from you regarding our request. Please contact Stephanie Boshart at (518) 486-3151 if you would like to discuss or need any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Valerie T. Figueroa", written over a horizontal line.

Valerie T. Figueroa
Deputy Commissioner
Employment and Income Support Programs

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