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May 27, 2020

Mr. Kurt Messner Regional Administrator USDA, Food and Nutrition Service Northeast Regional Office 10 Causeway Street Boston, MA 02222

Dear Mr. Messner:

The New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) is seeking approval of the attached State Waiver Request to waive the requirement to conduct Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Management Evaluations during federal fiscal year 2020 established by 7 CFR 275 Subpart B (275.5 to 275.9).

New York State continues to operate under a State disaster emergency declaration related to the COVID-19 crisis. Social distancing and travel restrictions remain in effect and for the safety of state and local district staff, OTDA is requesting permission to waive conducting SNAP Management Evaluations during federal fiscal year 2020.

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,

/s/JG 5/27/2020
Jeffrey Gaskell
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## Enclosure

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