



**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**  
HALEY REEVES BARBOUR, GOVERNOR  
**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**  
DON THOMPSON  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

August 24, 2010

Peggy Fouts, Regional Director  
United States Department of Agriculture  
Food and Nutrition Service  
Southeast Region  
61 Forsyth Street, Room 8T36  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-3415

Dear Mrs. Fouts:

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 (P.L. 111-5), provides that state agencies can suspend the SNAP time limits on Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWDs) through September 30, 2011. Mississippi is currently operating under an approved statewide waiver to waive the ABAWD time limit requirements through March 31, 2011.

Please consider this letter as Mississippi's request to extend our waiver through September 30, 2011 based on the ARRA ruling. This will allow the state to better serve the SNAP population and improve program access.

Should your staff have questions or need additional information regarding this request, please contact John Davis at (601) 359-4834 or [John.Davis@mdhs.ms.gov](mailto:John.Davis@mdhs.ms.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cheryl Sparkman".

Cheryl Sparkman, Director  
Division of Economic Assistance

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Enclosure