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Courtney Hawkins, Director
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Dear Director Hawkins:

This letter serves as the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) Northeast Regional Office's response to Rhode Island (RI)'s Corrective Action Response (CAR) from October 5, 2018. This CAR relates to the FNS's Management Evaluation (ME) on Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program operations which focused on Able-Bodied Adults without Dependents (ABAWD) conducted from February 12 - 14, 2018.

LONG TERM CORRECTIVE ACTION

The CAR sufficiently addressed the findings listed below, but Corrective Action steps have not yet been fully implemented or validated. These findings can transition to the State's semi-annual Corrective Action Plan unless otherwise specified.

Finding: ABAWD18.4

The 15% exemptions are not accurately reported in the FNS-583 quarterly reports.

Finding: ABAWD18.7

The State is inappropriately applying the time limit for a group of individuals in the State residing in a waived area.

Thank you for the State's effort in resolving findings through the Corrective Action Process. If you have any questions please contact Maria Volpe at Maria.Volpe@fns.usda.gov or 617-565-6390.

Sincerely,

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