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Office of the Secretary
Washington, D.C. 20250

July 20, 2020

Ms. Gay Anderson
President
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Dear Ms. Anderson:

Thank you for your letter dated July 10, 2020, asking the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to take swift action to allow school meal programs to continue serving students through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and the Seamless Summer Option (SSO), and to extend all SFSP and SSO waivers, including area eligibility, through the end of School Year 2020-2021. I appreciate your continued correspondence.

We recognize that these are uncertain times for all Americans and share your concerns about the effects of the coronavirus on your health and the health of your family, as well as the effects on our children and those in need. To ensure States have the flexibilities they need to keep children and families fed, USDA's Food Nutrition Service (FNS) has approved more than 3,000 program flexibilities to States across our 15 nutrition programs.

Regarding your additional requests, I value our relationship and the open dialogue it brings to address challenges and concerns of your membership. USDA continues to review waivers, including extension requests, and will examine all options within our statutory and budget authority. The issues you identified in your letter are the ones we are working to understand and find a path forward in the best interest of students and schools.

For the latest information about all of the efforts FNS is undertaking in response to the Coronavirus Disease of 2019 (COVID-19), please visit <https://www.fns.usda.gov/coronavirus>. We encourage you to reference our online resources with frequency as USDA and FNS continue to respond in real time.

Again, thank you for your correspondence, as we continue our commitment to "Do Right and Feed Everyone." If you need further assistance, please have a member of your staff contact the Office of Congressional Relations and Intergovernmental Affairs at (202) 720-7095. A similar letter has been sent to your colleague, Patricia Montague.

Sincerely,

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Sonny Perdue
Secretary



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