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The Honorable Mary Jo Bane  
Assistant Secretary  
Administration for Children and Families  
Aerospace Building, Suite 600  
370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20447

Dear Ms. ~~Bane~~ *Mary Jo*:

I am very pleased to submit the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Section 1115 waiver request for welfare reform. On February 10, 1995, Governor William F. Weld signed into law the most comprehensive welfare reform plan in the country, to be implemented on July 1, 1995. The new law, Chapter 5 of the Acts of 1995, directs the Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance to "expedite the acquisition of federal waiver and amendment approvals." It is essential for the Commonwealth to receive approval for implementation on July 1, 1995 since, among other things, the Massachusetts Legislature has relied on this date in its budget deliberations for the next state fiscal year.

The Commonwealth's welfare reform plan received broad bipartisan support as it was enacted, reflecting strong support for reform across the state. We look forward to your support for this bold plan and for a speedy waiver approval.

Sincerely,

*Gerald Whitburn*  
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Secretary

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P.S. Food stamp and finger printing related waivers will follow shortly.

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