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Dear Ms. Fujii:

We recently informed your statistician, Dr. Ching Tu, of a projected shortfall in our Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 1998 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) new applicant sample. This shortfall is the result of various sample frame problems we have experienced during FFY 1998. With Dr. Tu's technical assistance, we implemented a plan to correct this shortfall by selecting supplemental sample cases from the last quarter of FFY 1998 (i.e., sample months of July, August, and September).

We are working diligently to complete these supplemental sample cases in a timely manner. However, to insure the quality of our TANF new applicant data, we are requesting more time to complete these supplemental sample cases. We are requesting a one-month extension for transmission of the fourth quarter TANF new applicant sample cases. We intend to transmit all other sample data by December 31, 1998, only the new applicant sample cases would be transmitted by January 31, 1999.

If you have any questions about our extension request, please call Lois VanBeers, Project Leader, CalWORKs Data Systems Design Taskforce at (916) 654-1792.

Sincerely,

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