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**BRUCE RAUNER**  
GOVERNOR

December 19, 2018

Mr. Kim Gouker  
County Board Chairman  
Ogle County  
907 Pines Road  
Oregon, IL 610618

Dear Chairman Gouker:

I am pleased to advise you of my conditional approval of your request for Ogle County to remain aligned with Local Workforce Innovation Area 4 ("LWIA 4") including JoDaviess, Carroll, Whiteside, Lee, Bureau, LaSalle and Putnam Counties.

The realignment of Ogle County was considered in response to a monitoring finding by the United States Department of Labor regarding Section 106(a)(2) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act ("WIOA") and 20 C.F.R. § 679.210, which require local workforce areas to be located within a single economic development region.

The approval of Ogle County's request to remain configured with LWIA 4 is approved pursuant to the authority provided by the United States Department of Labor's conditional approval of Illinois' waiver request of WIOA Section 106(a)(2) and 20 C.F.R. § 679.210. This approval is contingent on the following:

- Ogle County's participation in the *regional planning process* of both the North Central and Northern Stateline regions; and
- Ogle County's acknowledgement that Ogle County and LWIA 4 will complete a realignment process in 2020 if the waiver described above is not renewed by the United States Department of Labor.

Thank you for your interest in serving the people of Ogle County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bruce Rauner".

Bruce Rauner  
Governor

cc: Leslie Munger, Acting Director, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity  
Jeff Mays, Director, Illinois Department of Employment Security  
James T. Dimas, Secretary, Illinois Department of Human Services  
Brian Durham, Executive Director, Illinois Community College Board