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**BRUCE RAUNER**  
GOVERNOR

December 20, 2018

Mr. Larry Wieneke  
County Board Chair  
Calhoun County  
P. O. Box 180  
Hardin, IL 62047

Dear Chairman Wieneke:

I am pleased to advise you of my conditional approval of your request for Calhoun County to realign with Local Workforce Innovation Area 22 (LWIA 22) including Madison and Bond Counties.

The realignment of Calhoun County with LWIA 22 is 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. I understand that the reconfiguration of Calhoun County within LWIA 22 will more effectively align economic and workforce development activities and resources.

The final approval of the LWIA 22 reconfiguration is contingent on the completion and execution of the required agreements with the Local Chief Elected Officials and Local Workforce Board as outlined in the WIOA regulations. Staff from the WIOA core partner agencies including the Departments of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Employment Security, Human Services and the Illinois Community College Board will assist the Local Elected Officials, Local Workforce Boards and staff in the development of the proper agreements and transition plans to complete the reconfiguration of LWIA 22.

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

Sincerely,

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

Bruce Rauner  
Governor

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