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December 19, 2018

Mr. Don Munson
County Board Chairman
Douglas County
401 S Center St.
Tuscola, IL 61953

Dear Chairman Munson:

I am pleased to advise you of my conditional approval of your request for Douglas County to realign with Local Workforce Innovation Area 17 ("LWIA 17") including Champaign, Iroquois, Ford and Piatt Counties.

The realignment of Douglas County with LWIA 17 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 Douglas County within LWIA 17 will more effectively align economic and workforce development activities and resources.

The final approval of the LWIA 17 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 Chief Elected Officials, Local Workforce Boards and staff in the development of the proper agreements and transition plans to complete the reconfiguration of LWIA 17.

Thank you for your interest in serving the people of Douglas 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