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December 20, 2018

Mr. Don Little
County Board Chair
Jersey County
200 North LaFayette Street, Suite 3
Jerseyville, IL 62052-1680

Dear Chairman Little:

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

The realignment of Jersey 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 Jersey 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 Jersey 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