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**BRUCE RAUNER**  
GOVERNOR

December 20, 2018

Mr. Robert Young  
County Chairman  
Livingston County  
112 West Madison Street  
Pontiac, IL 61764-1801

Dear Chairman Young:

I am pleased to advise you of my conditional approval of your request for Livingston County to remain aligned with Local Workforce Innovation Area 11 (LWIA 11) including Grundy and Kankakee Counties.

The realignment of Livingston 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 Livingston County's request to remain configured with LWIA 11 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:

- Livingston County's participation in the *regional planning process* of both the North Central and North East regions; and
- Livingston County's acknowledgement that Livingston County and LWIA 11 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 Livingston 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