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The Honorable R. Alexander Acosta, Secretary of Labor
U.S. Department of Labor
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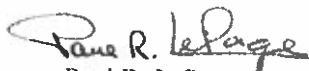
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Dear Secretary Acosta,

I am in receipt of your Department's response to my July 11th letter requesting that Maine be granted a single State local area designation, as it pertains to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). I am very disappointed that USDOL is unable to approve my request. The current system is fraught with redundancies and waste, and I have tried for nearly 7 years to reduce overhead and administrative costs so that more funds can go directly to the constituents we are trying to put back to work. I will not continue to participate in a system that wastes money.

This letter will serve to notify you that Maine is no longer participating in the WIOA Title IB program. We ask that no more of these funds be sent to the Maine Department of Labor. If you have any questions, please contact my Commissioner of Labor, John Butera at (207) 621-5095.

Sincerely,


Paul R. LePage
Governor

Cc: Vice President Michael Pence
John Butera, Commissioner, Maine Department of Labor
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