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To: Bureau of Workforce Development Administration Director

On behalf of the Westmoreland-Fayette Workforce Development Board (WFWDB), we approve the submission of the PY 2021 - 2024 WIOA Local Plan modification for Westmoreland and Fayette counties. These documents are being submitted for your review with the concurrence, support, and approval of the WFWDB at its meeting on June, 12, 2023, as per WIOA regulations and L&I's WIOA Regional and Local Area Plan Policy. The local plan modification provides the framework in defining how a designated area's workforce development system will achieve the purposes of WIOA. Therefore, for the modification of the PY 2021-2024 WIOA Multi-Year Local Plan, the WFWDB first convened with its Planning Committee comprised of several board members from local organizations. This convening reviewed the purpose and mission of both the local and regional plans and the reason behind the need of a modification. Moving forward, Planning Committee members reviewed the Local Plan and provided feedback and suggestions of where they felt modifications were needed in addition to the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry's guidance. Modifications were made and submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry.

The WFWDB solicited public input in accordance with WIOA Sec. 107 and 20CFR Part 679 for the period of May 11, 2023, to June 10, 2023. The plan was available for review on the Partner4Work website, WFWDB website, WFWDB social media and a public legal notice was published in two local newspapers: the Herald Standard and Tribune Review. A screen shot of the online posting and copies of legal notice with dates of public notification is also included in the submission. No comments were received during the 30-day public comment period.

If you have any questions or need additional assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Executive Director Janet Ward by telephone at 724-755-2145 or via email at jward@westfaywib.org.

Our signatures below certify that we approve the submission of the PY 2021 - 2024 Local plan modification to the PA Department of Labor & Industry.

Best Regards,

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