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Nicholas Colucci, Chief US Department of Homeland Security U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Immigrant Investor Program Office 20 Massachusetts Avenue 8th Floor, Mailstop 2235 Washington, DC 20529

Re: Invest New Hampshire Regional Center, LLC RCW1121350256/ID1121350256

Dear Mr. Colucci:

My department was designated by former Governor John H. Lynch by letter dated on November 17th, 2010 (copy of letter attached) to be the appropriate department of the State of New Hampshire to certify high unemployment areas as Targeted Employment Areas (TEAs) within our state. I previously issued a TEA letter in connection with Invest New Hampshire Regional Center on August 20, 2014 (copy of letter also attached).

The New Hampshire counties of Grafton, Carroll, Belknap, Sullivan and Coös are not currently encompassed, in whole or part, by any metropolitan statistical area designated by the Office of Management and Budget. A review of U.S. Bureau of the Census population as of April 1, 2010 (the most recent decennial census) verifies that all cities and towns in the counties under consideration had decennial census populations below the threshold of 20,000. These counties remain classified as rural based on the 8 CFR 204.6 definition and should qualify as Targeted Employment Areas for the purposes of the I-526 petition. In conjunction with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services approval on October 7, 2013 of the Invest New Hampshire Regional Center as a participant in the Immigrant Investor Program in a rural Targeted Employment Area, I can confirm that the following counties in New Hampshire are, and continue to be, Targeted Employment Areas pursuant to 8 CFR 204.6 because, as shown in 2010 U.S. Census Data, they are completely rural with no municipalities exceeding 20,000 in population:

Grafton County Coös County Carroll County Belknap County Sullivan County The above listed counties are contiguous and three of them, Grafton, Coös and Carroll, make up the geographic region of the Invest New Hampshire Regional Center as approved by your office on October 7, 2013. I confirm that these counties still meet the population requirements for rural TEAs.

The New Hampshire project with EB-5 Immigrant Investor initial I-526 applications currently pending, RiverWalk at Loon, is creating jobs in rural areas of our state. We look forward to additional EB-5 investment in high-quality projects throughout New Hampshire.

Sincerely

George N. Copadis

Commissioner

cc: Kelly M. Wieser, Manager, Invest New Hampshire Regional Center