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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 Targeted Employment Areas (TEAs) within our state. I previously issued TEA letters in connection with Invest New Hampshire Regional Center on August 20, 2014 and on December 5, 2016 (copies of these letters also attached).

The New Hampshire counties of Grafton, Carroll, Belknap 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 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 first project being overseen by Invest New Hampshire Regional Center now has 10 EB-5 Investors with approved I-526 applications and 5 pending I-526 applications. Invest New Hampshire Regional Center is currently working on offerings with additional projects that will be very important to the economy of the economically challenged northern areas of New Hampshire. As such, the EB-5 program continues to create jobs in rural areas of our state. We look forward to these upcoming projects and additional EB-5 investment in high-quality commercial enterprises throughout New Hampshire.

Sincerely,

George N. Copadis Commissioner

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