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Ms. Christine Kulick
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Subject: Request for Extension of Waivers

Dear Ms. Kulick:

USDOL Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) No. 21-03, dated April 22, 2004, suggests Workforce Investment Act regulatory waivers currently in effect may be extended through June 30, 2005.

Alabama has been granted two such waivers. The first extends WIA training services providers' initial eligibility through June 30, 2004. The second waiver, also currently effective through June 30, 2004, increases WIA Title I-B Adult-Dislocated Worker program funds transfer authority from twenty percent to fifty percent.

Although progress has been made, several of the structural difficulties which prompted our initial requests for these waivers are yet to be fully resolved. Development of performance reporting mechanisms to facilitate WIA service provider performance information procurement are ongoing.

WIA Adult and Dislocated Worker program management flexibility remains a high priority, particularly with the influx of former Welfare-to-Work participants into our WIA Adult program. An expanded fund transfer authority directly supports achievement of such flexibility.

Alabama requests an extension of these two waivers through June 30, 2005.

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Please contact Ray Clenney at (334) 242-1421 with any questions.

Sincerely,



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