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Mr. Joseph Juarez
Regional Administrator
U.S. Department of Labor
525 Griffen St., Room 317
Dallas, Texas 75202

Dear Mr. Juarez:

The Office of Workforce Training and Development, New Mexico's operating entity for Workforce Investment Act (WIA) activities is requesting an extension to the waiver previously granted via correspondence from Ms. Emily Stover-DeRocco dated May 7, 2003. This extension of the waiver would eliminate the 20% limitation on transferring WIA funds between the Dislocated Worker and Adult funding streams for a two-year period (July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2006). This waiver request complies with WIA Section 189(i)(4)(B) and WIA Regulations 20 CFR 661.420(c).

Granting this waiver will allow New Mexico the opportunity to provide local Workforce Boards with unlimited ability to transfer funds between the Dislocated Worker and Adult programs, thus allowing greater flexibility in meeting the unique needs of New Mexico's workforce.

New Mexico fully supports the WIA concepts of program accountability and customer choice. This waiver will assist New Mexico to better meet these goals. If the waiver request is granted, Local Boards will be better able to respond to change by increasing local control for program delivery, employer evaluation and system-wide accountability. Providing greater flexibility to local boards will allow them to meet the needs of New Mexico's diverse population.

If you or your staff has any questions concerning this wavier request, please contact Mr. Don Manning, Programs Director at (505) 827-6815.

Sincerely,



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MESSAGE:

Sean, attached is the Waiver for New Mexico. They are requesting an extension of their previously granted waiver to eliminate the 20% limitation on transferring WIA funds between the Dislocated Worker and Adult funding streams for a two-year period. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me.

Regards,
Marilyn