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Thomas E. Perez
Secretary of Labor
United States Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20210

RE: State of West Virginia's Disaster Emergency Grant Application for National Dislocated Worker Grant Funds in the Amount of \$3,500,000.00

Dear Secretary Perez:

In response to the June 25, 2016 FEMA declaration #4273-DR and subsequent amendments covering 12 counties in West Virginia (Clay, Fayette, Greenbrier, Jackson, Kanawha, Lincoln, Monroe, Nicholas, Pocahontas, Roane, Summers and Webster), West Virginia submitted a Disaster Emergency Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Labor on July 1, 2016 requesting \$3,500,00.00 in National Dislocated Workers Grant funds. The purpose of this grant is to offer 250 temporary jobs to eligible individuals for flood disaster clean-up activities in the 12 counties currently under the FEMA declaration.

Severe storms beginning on June 22, 2016 resulted in flash flooding, landslides, and mudslides causing extensive damage to many communities across West Virginia. Furthermore, many roads and bridges were covered under flood waters in addition to being damaged which crippled efforts in quickly reaching flood victims.

What made this disaster one of the most devastating to occur within the last 100 years in West Virginia was not only the tragic loss of 23 lives, but also the overwhelming destruction of entire towns resulting in a total loss of businesses in these communities and leaving more than 5,000 homes damaged and 1,000 people homeless.

Therefore, we request your immediate attention to West Virginia's critical need so that we can offer assistance to the citizens of West Virginia and communities impacted as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Earl Ray Tomblin".

Earl Ray Tomblin
Governor