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The Honorable Timothy M. Kaine Governor of Virginia Post Office Box 1475 VEC

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Dear Governor Kaine:

Richmond, Virginia 23218

Thank you for submitting a modification to Virginia's Strategic State Plan. The initial modification request was received by the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) on August 25, 2008; the amendment to this modification was received on November 18, 2008. We are pleased that Virginia is using the modification process to keep its Strategic Plan a viable document that responds to the changing governance and operational needs of the Virginia workforce investment system.

We have reviewed the modification, including the amendment referenced above, to the Virginia Strategic State Plan for Title I of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and the Wagner-Peyser Act in accordance with Title I of WIA, the Wagner-Peyser Act, the corresponding regulations, and, as made applicable by TEGL 13-06, the WIA/Wagner-Peyser Act Planning Guidance (70 Fed. Reg. 19206, April 12, 2005). Pursuant to 20 CFR 661.230(e), this letter constitutes a written determination under WIA Section 112(c) and (d) (29 USC 2822(c) and (d)), that the Plan, as modified, is consistent with the requirements of WIA and the Wagner-Peyser Act.

ETA is committed to supporting Virginia in driving the workforce investment system to support regional economic development in response to changes in the economy. We commend you for using the modification process to implement your vision of a streamlined, cohesive and effective workforce system in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

If we can be of assistance as you develop a new, advanced workforce investment system that is responsive to the needs of the citizens of Virginia, please have your staff contact Jeffrey Gabriel, the Federal Project Officer for Virginia, at (215) 861-5207, or Gabriel.Jeffrey@dol.gov.

Sincerely,

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