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The Honorable Gary R. Herbert
Governor of Utah
Utah State Capitol
Suite 200
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

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Dear Governor Herbert:

As you are aware, by letter sent on June 29, 2016, the Departments of Education and Labor (Departments) approved the four-year Utah Unified State Plan (State Plan) which includes the vocational rehabilitation (VR) services portion and supplement for supported employment services for the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation (USOR). The Departments approved the State Plan, which took effect July 1, 2016, in accordance with sections 102 and 103 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).

On August 16, 2016, USOR submitted to the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA), as the State was required to do pursuant to section 101(a)(2) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Rehabilitation Act), as amended by title IV of WIOA, amendments to the VR services portions of the State Plan to address the change in designated State agency for the VR program from the Utah State Office of Education to the Utah Department of Workforce Services effective October 1, 2016. The amendments were made to the certifications and description (a) of the VR services portion for USOR, and these amendments were consistent with the proposed reorganization of the VR program that was described in the Utah Unified State Plan that was submitted on April 1, 2016. RSA has reviewed the amendments to ensure conformity with the applicable statutory requirements of the Rehabilitation Act, as well as the Department of Education administrative requirements, and has approved the amendments to the VR portions of the four-year State Plan.

If you or your staff have questions, please contact Nicholas Lalpui, Regional Administrator at (972) 850-4601 or lalpui.nicholas@dol.gov. We appreciate your continuing efforts to assist individuals with disabilities to achieve high quality employment outcomes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janet L. LaBreck".

Janet L. LaBreck

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