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Chris Hoffman, Vice-Chair
Ravalli County Board of Commissioners
215 S. 4th Street, Suite A
Hamilton, MT 59840

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Dear Vice-Chair Hoffman:

The U.S. Department of Labor (Department) received your correspondence regarding the Job Corps program and proposed changes to the Job Corps Civilian Conservation Centers (CCC). The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Forest Service (FS) operates the CCCs. Your correspondence was forwarded to the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) for response.

The USDA notified the Department by letter, dated May 24, 2019, of its intent to terminate its role in the Job Corps program. The transition of CCC operations to the Department would allow USDA to focus on and prioritize its core natural resource mission of improving the condition and resilience of the nation's forests. As a result of USDA's letter expressing its intent, the Department proposed to continue operations at 15 of the CCCs by procuring new center operators or entering into state or other partnerships. The Department also proposed to deactivate nine of the CCCs. The Department created this proposed path forward after it considered, among other things, the performance, internal controls, capacity and proximity, costs, and ongoing needs of each CCC. A *Federal Register* Notice (Notice) was published on May 30, 2019, announcing the Department's proposed deactivation of nine CCCs.

After hearing from Members of Congress, the public, and other stakeholders about their concerns, the USDA reconsidered its decision to terminate its role in the Job Corps program. Therefore, on June 27, 2019, the Department withdrew its May 30 Notice, and the FS resumed normal operations of all 24 CCCs at that time.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs at (202) 693-4600.

Sincerely,

John Pallasch



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Washington, D.C. 20301

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Secretary, County Commissioners

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Washington, DC 20340

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