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Ms. Barbara Velarde  
USCIS Foreign Trade, Investor & Regional Center Program  
Office of Service Center Operations, Business & Trade Services  
U.S. Center for Immigration Services  
20 Massachusetts Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20529

Dear Ms. Velarde:

Under the requirements of the United States Immigration Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-649), states must designate a responsible agency to certify high unemployment and rural areas.

As Governor of the State of Hawaii, I designate the Hawaii Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT) as the agency authorized to certify high unemployment and rural areas for the purposes of fulfilling the requirements of United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and the EB-5 Regional Center Program.

Sincerely,

NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
Governor, State of Hawaii

c: The Honorable Jerry Chang,  
State House of Representatives  
Richard C. Lim, DBEDT ✓