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Ms. Lori Golino
Chairperson
Montgomery County Workforce Investment Board
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Dear Ms. Golino:

The federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998 requires governors to certify local workforce investment boards every two years. In Maryland, I look to the Governor's Workforce Investment Board and its members to advise my decision making on workforce policies and investments. I have empowered the GWIB to set performance measures to ensure that our local workforce investment boards are achieving the ambitious goals we have set together as One Maryland.

Disappointingly, because the Montgomery County Workforce Investment Board has fallen short on more than a handful of performance measures over the last two years, I have accepted the GWIB's recommendation to deny full recertification for your Board for the 2011-2013 period and will enforce a Level II provisional recertification. The specific measurements your Board failed to reach during the 2009 and 2010 programs years follow:

Program Year 2009

- Entered Employment Rate – Adults
- Entered Employment Rate – Dislocated Worker
- Average Earnings – Adults
- Youth Placement in Employment or Education
- Youth Literacy/Numeracy

Program Year 2010

- Entered Employment Rate - Adults
- Youth Attainment of Degree or Certificate
- Youth Placement in Employment or Education
- Youth Literacy/Numeracy

The national economic downturn has forced all of us to do more with less. I am personally and professionally proud of the progress Maryland has made even during challenging times.

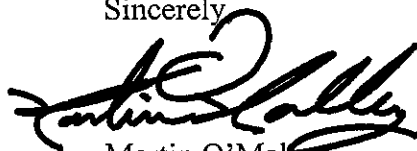
However, I will continue to push all of our partners to set bolder goals and keep Maryland uniquely positioned to weather the national recession.

There is nothing more important to Maryland families than a job. More than ever, as far too many of our neighbors continue to look for work, it is imperative that the Montgomery County Workforce Investment Board work to its full potential and refocus its efforts to reach the ambitious but attainable performance measures that every other local workforce investment board achieved. The Level II provisional recertification requires that your Board develop an improvement plan and agree to technical assistance provided by the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation's Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning (DWDAL). DWDAL is in the process of finalizing its assessment of the challenge areas which led to your Board's deficiencies.

Following the one-year provisional period, the GWIB, in partnership with the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, will reassess your performance and make a recommendation to me regarding your recertification status. Should your Board achieve the recertification criteria as defined by the previously-mentioned DWDAL report, the Montgomery County Workforce Investment Board may attain a one-year recertification through the end of the 2011-2013 period. In the event that your Board does not reach the stated performance measures, the GWIB is empowered to recommend and I am inclined to take significant action provided in the Workforce Investment Act Section 136(h), including the decertification of the current Workforce Investment Board.

As you move forward during this provisional period, my office will frequently monitor your progress. It is my expectation that you will take all necessary steps to develop and implement a corrective action plan that ensures your success over the next year. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Lynn M. Reed, Executive Director, Governor's Workforce Investment Board.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Martin O'Malley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and "O".

Martin O'Malley
Governor