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August 19, 2009

Ms. Barbara Q. Velarde
Chief, Office of Service Center Operations
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
20 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, MS #2060
Washington, D.C. 20529-2060

RE: State Designation of Local Government Authority to Certify High Unemployment Areas
In Accordance with 8 CFR §204.6(i)

Dear Chief Velarde:

Pursuant to 8 CFR §204.6(i), an official of the state must notify the legacy U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service Associate Commissioner of Examinations, now your office, of the agency, board or other appropriate governmental body of the state which shall be delegated the authority to certify that a geographic or political subdivision meets the necessary employment rate qualifications to participate the EB-5 immigrant investor visa program.

In compliance with this regulation, I, Rick Perry, Governor of the State of Texas, hereby designate the local mayors of cities or towns located within a metropolitan statistical area, or cities or towns with a population of 20,000 or more, as the appropriate body of the state to certify that a particular geographic or political subdivision meets the necessary criteria to participate in the EB-5 program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Perry". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rick Perry
Governor

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