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Mr. Bruce Wilson, Executive Director  
Workforce Alliance of the North Bay  
P.O. Box 156  
Napa, CA. 94559

Dear Mr. Wilson:

We are writing to express our appreciation to you for your efforts, in partnership with the California Department of Employment Development (EDD), to ensure that the Lake County EDD Office will remain open.

As you are aware, the EDD office in Lake County is an essential resource for a community with a higher than average unemployment rate. Among veterans, the unemployment rate is a staggering 15.64%. The Lake County office is highly utilized. Between the months of September of 2017 and mid-February of 2018, there were approximately 3,760 visits.

It is our understanding that your consultations with EDD's Deputy Director of Workforce Services, Dennis Petrie, have resulted in a commitment from EDD to retain Wagner Peyser staff in Lake County and to work in good faith to assure a fully integrated workforce services system that meets the needs of Lake County. It is our further understanding that EDD has expressed a commitment to work collaboratively on local issues faced by their organization in the future. We applaud your efforts as well as those of the Employment Development Department.

Please keep us informed of discussions on this matter in the future and let us know what we can do to support your continued efforts to retain and grow workforce services in Lake County and the North Bay region.

Sincerely,

Jim Steele

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Chairman, Lake County Board of Supervisors