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John (Jay) LeMaster
Office of Career, Technical and Adult
Education
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
LBJ Room 4A197
Washington, D.C. 20202

Dear Mr. LeMaster:

I write today to notify the U.S. Department of Education about changes to Montana law adopted by the Montana State Legislature during the 2025 legislative session.

Montana statutes previously provided that funds relating to adult education were to be distributed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Effective July 1, 2025, the Montana legislature removed that function from the Superintendent (House Bill 449) and authorized the Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) to pay expenses for such education from DLI's employment security account (House Bill 656).

As a result of these statutory changes, I write to ask that all federal grants awarded under the Workforce Innovation Act, Title II be transferred to DLI for deposit in the employment security account. This change will be reflected in a forthcoming WIOA State Plan amendment.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Greg", followed by a large, stylized blue star.

Greg G. Gianforte
Governor

cc: Superintendent Susie Hedalen
Commissioner Sarah Swanson