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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter designates a portion of Clark County, NV as meeting the requirements for certification as a "high unemployment area" under the EB-5 program. The designation of high unemployment areas in the state of Nevada was delegated by the Office of the Governor on November 12, 2008 to the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation. Accordingly, this Agency is the authorized entity in Nevada to designate a particular area as a high unemployment area.

The Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation's Research and Analysis Bureau, as the cooperating partner with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) for the Labor Market Information programs, is required by agreement with the Department of Homeland Security's U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to determine if this area meets the criteria outlined in 8 CFR 204.6 (i) for targeted employment areas. Consistent with these regulations and the BLS Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) Technical Memorandum S-95-18, the Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation certifies that the specific region of Clark County highlighted below meets the criteria as a "high unemployment area" for purposes of targeting immigrant entrepreneurial investment under the provisions of the federal Immigration Act of 1990.

Based upon the methodology prescribed by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics and as calculated and published by the Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation's Research and Analysis Bureau, the combination of contiguous Clark County, NV census tracts included in the table below have a combined unemployment rate of 16.0 percent in 2017, which meets or exceeds the minimum unemployment rate necessary to meet the threshold to be classified as a "high unemployment area" for this time period. The minimum rate is 6.6 percent, which is 1.5 times the 2017 national rate of 4.4 percent. Included within this region is a proposed EB-5 project located at 18 E Freemont Street, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101.

2017 TEA Area Labor Force Data				
Tract	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
0007.00	529	506	24	
0004.01	825	631	193	
Combined	1,354	1,137	217	16.0%

If you have any questions or need additional information please contact David Schmidt, Chief of the Research and Analysis Bureau at 775-684-0387 or by email at deschmidt@nvdetr.org

Sincerely,

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