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Michele Erikson, Executive Director
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Dear Ms. Erikson,

This letter is to inform Wisconsin Literacy, Inc. that the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) cannot grant or allocate federal Adult Education and Family Literacy leadership funding for FY22. As you may be aware, Wisconsin's FY22 Adult Education and Family Literacy Act allocation was significantly reduced as a result of reductions in the state populations upon which the AEFLA allocation formula is based. The FY22 AEFLA reduction is not a reflection of the value or work of Wisconsin's technical colleges, Wisconsin Literacy, Inc., your member organizations or our collective partnerships. However, given Wisconsin's well-documented demographic outlook, this reduction may foreshadow future AEFLA allocation levels for Wisconsin.

Nationally, state agencies, community organizations and education providers alike are facing difficult budgetary decisions, which have been exacerbated by the pandemic. WTCS continues to prioritize Adult Education programming and evolve options and staffing that can meet students, staff and providers increased needs. As a result, WTCS AEFLA funding reduction management will prioritize grants to providers of direct student/client services.

Although WTCS cannot grant AEFLA leadership funds to Wisconsin Literacy, Inc., we value and remain committed to continued support of, and partnership with, Wisconsin Literacy, Inc. and its members. Our commitment includes an offer to assume the cost of COABE membership for Wisconsin Literacy, Inc. members and affiliate organizations, along with finding additional ways to reduce or share consortium pricing opportunities, when available, for teaching resources (TABE, Burlington English, etc.). In addition, if there is need for contracted technical assistance and/or professional development, Wisconsin Literacy, Inc., would be considered as a high- quality training provider.

Thank you for your continued efforts to advocate and support adult literacy and education opportunities for all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Morna K. Foy".

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