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Thank you for incorporating the urban vs rural nature of counties in this proposal. It will go a long way in some of the business that we represent in rural counties to continue to meet standards (where they do not do so now). Unfortunately, there will still be rural areas of the state where even 60 miles or 90 minutes is not adequate, especially in those rural areas that are contiguous to other rural areas. It's not so much the size of the county that is the issue, but more the proximity to what you are defining as a medium or large counties that will have more bearing on this rule.

I hope this helps.

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