



March 19, 2019

The Honorable Gretchen Whitmer  
PO Box 30013  
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Governor Whitmer;

I'm writing to share our appreciation of the programs and services we have received from Michigan Works! Northern Woodcrafters operates a manufacturing plant and showroom in Grayling. We produce specialty log furniture and we wholesale to many locations nationwide.

Alayne Hansen, Business Solutions Professional introduced us to the On-The-Job Training program and since then we have brought on four new employees through the program. The reimbursements helped our company quite a bit especially during our slow periods, and the supportive services to our participating staff helped them also.

We are currently getting ready to hire more staff and Michigan Works! is assisting by collecting applications and screening them for us. Our job posting on Pure Michigan Talent Connect is generating much interest from job seekers. Next month we will be participating in the Michigan Works! free employer Job Fair where we anticipate finding good candidates. We are very pleased with the assistance we have received from their staff on our candidate search.

With Alayne's help we are exploring training needs which may lead to applying for Going Pro grant dollars later this year. We look forward to upcoming student tours to our facility Alayne is coordinating so students can see first-hand the art of custom log furniture building. We anticipate utilizing the OJT program for future new hires.

The Grayling office staff has been great to work with. We will continue to work with Michigan Works! as we value their efforts in our community. Please keep funding to support their Grayling office, it is a valuable resource for employers, job seekers, and community partners.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jason Osantowski". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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