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The Honorable Fred Upton
2183 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Member of Congress:

One of our biggest challenges in Southwest Michigan is our access to a skilled workforce. Thank you for the recognition by Congress that the system is best operated through local private-sector led Workforce Investment Boards in partnership with local elected officials, rather than through state or federal government offices.

I have recently benefited from the services available through Kinexus, our local Workforce Investment Board, in many ways. These services are possible because of the funding received for federal workforce programs such as the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

For the last 3 years, we have had the privilege of utilizing their programs and services to make our company and region successful. Ralph Moyle, Inc is a growing company that provides logistical services to many other companies in the SW Michigan area such as Welch's, Knouse Foods, Pfizer, Coca-Cola, Gordon Foods, and many more. We house our customers product and production materials in our warehouse as well as transport finished goods to distribution centers throughout the Midwest.

Kinexus has helped our company by sponsoring local jobs fairs, referring potential employees, allowing us to hold a meeting at their facility for a group of seasonal workers to discuss our training program, assist in the application process for STTF grants and introduced us to other organizations that could help us meet our hiring needs such as the Offender Success Program. Through this partnership with Kinexus we have been able to increase our hiring by 20%.

In order to continue to provide these vital resources that support business growth in Southwest Michigan, my company recognizes the importance of WIOA Title I and Title II. Kinexus is an essential resource for employers and job seekers in Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren Counties. I appreciate of all of the help that Kinexus provides for us and I look forward to continuing our relationship.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marjorie Teague".

Marjorie Teague
Human Resource Manager
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