



July 3, 2018

The Honorable Rick Snyder
Governor
P. O. Box 30013
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Governor Snyder,

On behalf of Autodie LLC, I would like to express our appreciation for the workforce development services provided by West Michigan Works! Autodie LLC is a Tool and Die manufacturer located in the heart of Grand Rapids. We have a population of 300 with over seventy percent of our workforce being Skilled Trades Journey Workers. We have four main business models—Machining, Tryout, Design and Engineering and Low Volume Production. Our Apprenticeship program focuses on Machining and Die Making, while our Upgrader program focuses on those Die Making, Machining, Quality Assurance, Programming, and Machine Repair. Now, we have 36 individuals in our training programs and one recent graduate.

We connected with West Michigan Works! because we needed assistance with training the next generation of Skill Trade Journey workers. Due to the industry having a shortage in skilled workforce we need to find other avenues to attract new employees. Also, training employees can sometimes be a financial burden and Michigan Works! has helped us by showing us opportunities to alleviate the costs. Michigan Works! helped us reach our goal of adding eight more employees to our training program.

Autodie has benefited by working with West Michigan Works! because they have a plethora of resources and can guide us into the direction of a successful apprenticeship program.

Sincerely,

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