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May 30, 2018

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

Dear Governor Snyder,

Please consider this letter of support for the continued and/or increased training funds for our local Michigan Works! offices in Northeast Michigan. The training provided through use of this funding is invaluable to the economic well-being of this region of the state.

I coordinate the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) through the Region 9 Area Agency on Aging (a Division of the Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency). The SCSEP is a community-service and work-based job training program for older adults. Authorized by the Older Americans Act, the program provides job training and employment opportunities for low-income, unemployed seniors.

We work closely with our local Michigan Works! offices and enroll all SCSEP participants with their local office for all aspects of job search assistance. In addition, the staff at the Grayling Michigan Works! have been instrumental in providing training to the SCSEP participants on topics such as: resume writing, how to prepare for an interview, and customer service. I consider Michigan Works! a valuable partner in helping our program participants achieve the goal of unsubsidized employment.

Thank you for your continued support of Older Worker Programs, such as the SCSEP, and Michigan Works! throughout the state of Michigan. As our regional general population continues to shift to the older demographic, these programs are essential in helping seniors become self-sufficient.

Sincerely,

Connie McQuarrie
SCSEP Coordinator

