

July 26, 2019

The Honorable Gretchen Whitmer
Governor
P.O. Box 30013
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Dear Governor Whitmer,

On behalf of Perrigo Company plc, I would like to express our appreciation for the workforce development services provided by West Michigan Works!

Perrigo maintains a 130-year legacy of providing high-quality, affordable over-the-counter and prescription drug products that meet the healthcare needs of patients and consumers across the globe. A vital aspect of our longevity has been our ability to build and nurture a talented workforce that can help us achieve our business goals.

Along with other businesses in Michigan, our efforts to expand our workforce has been concentrated on enhancing our existing skilled trades positions. Perrigo connected with West Michigan Works! to help us develop and raise the skill level reflected in our existing Set Up Technician program, which allows us to strengthen our internal pipeline to Maintenance team positions. During this process, we implemented a successful 4,000-hour apprenticeship that has become the feeder program for our 8,000-hour apprenticeships.

Recently we have seen multiple internal candidates get promoted from a Setup Tech, begin their 4,000 hour apprenticeship, and enroll in an 8,000 hour apprenticeship. We greatly appreciate the Going Pro grant which we have received. This has been instrumental in the funding of this pipeline program. Not only have we been able to enhance our skilled trades capabilities, but we have also increased the developmental opportunities for our employees.

Perrigo has benefited greatly by our partnership with West Michigan Works! because they are as committed as we are to do what is best for our community, our business and our people. The accessibility of West Michigan Works! staff and their experience has been valuable and we appreciate their assistance in bolstering our ability to continue making meaningful contributions to Michigan's economy.

Sincerely,

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