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

On behalf of Essenburg Car Wash of Holland and Visionquest, I would like to express our appreciation for the workforce development services provided by West Michigan Works! We are now a medium-size company that has experienced tremendous growth in 2018 and 2019. 2019 marked the 50th year anniversary since the first Quality Car Wash was opened starting the clean, shiny, dry guest experience. Since 1969 we have grown from a car wash, gas station, convenient store adding Tommy Car Wash Systems supplying and manufacturing car wash equipment around the world, along with recently launching a Tommy's Express a turn-key franchise offering. Our Mission as a whole is to enrich lives, add value, and serve communities, car washing continues to be our vessel.

I connected with West Michigan Works! because I was informed of the GO Pro on the job training program for new hires. The investment the GO Pro talent fund in Michigan workers allowed for us to hire with confidence knowing our need to add team members and the State of Michigan wanted to support the business in growth. Michigan Works! helped me reach my goal of adding 5 new Team Members who filled key roles to align our company for success and provided support all along the way.

My company has benefited by working with West Michigan Works! because they help with the application process and provided us with support throughout the whole process. The experience was very employer-friendly, Marlene Brostrom and Marco Rios provided a tremendous Guest Experience which is one of our core values. What I find most valuable about partnering with West Michigan Works! is the support provided to local businesses and the support provided to community members. Through working with West Michigan Works! We bridge the gap from employer to community members assisting and supporting the continued growth of West Michigan.

Sincerely,

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