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The Honorable Gretchen Whitmer  
Governor  
P.O. Box 30013  
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Governor Whitmer,

On behalf of Cherry Health, I would like to express our appreciation for the workforce development services provided by West Michigan Works! Cherry Health is the largest Federally Qualified Health Center in Michigan. Our mission is to provide a healthcare home for those who may have barriers to care or may not otherwise have access. We serve nearly 76,000 patients at more than 20 locations throughout Michigan. We provide services including Medical, Dental, Vision, Behavioral Health, Pharmacy and more.

In order to provide high quality care to our patients, we of course rely heavily on our excellent staff (885 employees at the time of writing). I connected with West Michigan Works! because I needed assistance with training funds for new hires. Though many of our staff have previous experience in their diverse fields, there is always a training period where the staff members must learn more about our organizational practices and policies. Michigan Works! helped me reach my goal of training these new hires by assisting with the financial aspect of onboarding through the Going PRO Talent Fund

My company has benefited by working with West Michigan Works! in this way and many others, including recruitment and community outreach. What I find most valuable about partnering with West Michigan Works! is that they truly care about Michiganders and help make an impact in our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alex Kraft". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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