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

Dear Governor Whitmer,

On behalf of Verplank Electric, I would like to express our appreciation for the workforce development services provided by West Michigan Works! Verplank Electric is a small electrical contractor. We provide electrical solutions for residential, industrial, and commercial. We are a family business based in Comstock out of Comstock Park, with most of the work being in West Michigan.

I connected with West Michigan Works! because I needed assistance with how to setup an apprenticeship. Through West Michigan Works! we were able to setup an apprenticeship program and hire Verplank's first apprentice ever! Being a small business we need to take advantage of any opportunity we can for funding and this grant certainly did that. West Michigan Works! helped me reach my goal of finally setting up standards for our new apprenticeship standards.

My company has benefited by working with West Michigan Works! because... What I find most valuable about partnering with West Michigan Works! Is the relationship we have built with West Michigan Works! we are able to seek guidance when it comes to workforce and trust they will lead us in the right direction.

Sincerely,

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