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The Honorable Gretchen Whitmer  
Governor  
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Dear Governor Whitmer,

On behalf of Micron Manufacturing Company, I would like to express our appreciation for the workforce development services provided by West Michigan Works! Micron has been a family-owned precision machined products manufacturer in Grand Rapids since 1952. We are now under 2<sup>nd</sup> generation leadership with 3<sup>rd</sup> generation working in the plant. Micron serves many customers in the hydraulic, furniture, oil and gas and automotive industries, over 70% of whom are other Michigan-based businesses.

I connected with West Michigan Works! because I needed assistance with the continuation of our very successful apprenticeship program. We were able to add one more to our ranks in 2018/2019. Furthermore, we were able to focus Going PRO training on the mentorship of our apprentices. We now believe we have a world-class apprenticeship program worthy of showcasing to any other businesses in Michigan. With this grant we were also able to provide GD&T training for an employee we hired in 2018. The Going PRO grant also helped us continue to train our leaders through the Kata Cascade. Since this training we've shared our success with at least a dozen other Michigan-based companies.

Unfortunately, due to level business growth in 2019 the only area we were not able to use the Going PRO funds were with regard to hiring new employees.

My company has benefited by working with West Michigan Works! because they made the process of finding and securing the assistance we needed very straight forward. What I find most valuable about partnering with West Michigan Works! is that the entire West Michigan Works! staff is very helpful, courteous and driven to serve their customers and Michigan as a whole.

Sincerely,

Dan Vermeesch  
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