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

On behalf of Robert Bosch Fuel Systems, LLC, I would like to express our appreciation for the workforce development services provided by West Michigan Works! Although part of a large global organization, we are a small manufacturing employer in the Grand Rapids area. We have been in business in the area, under various ownership, for more than 40 years and are manufacturers and re-manufacturers of diesel fuel systems for large engines, primarily locomotives.

We connected with West Michigan Works! because we needed assistance with finding and hiring skilled trade journeypersons due to a lack of available talent in the area. We re-started an in-house apprenticeship program in order to fill our needs and have been able to add four new apprentices to the program this year thanks to the financial support of West Michigan Works! and the GoPro Talent Fund grant.

What I found most valuable about partnering with West Michigan Works! has been a valuable and responsive partner in helping us grow our apprenticeship program with the goal of training and retaining a robust and vital skilled trade workforce to support our business.

Sincerely,

Sandy Wilkinson
Manager, Human Resources