



May 10, 2019

Governor Whitmer
P.O. Box 30013
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Governor,

As a new small business, we want to express our gratitude for Oakland County Michigan Works! while encouraging you to continue to support the workforce development agency.

I think you would agree that the more business that comes to Michigan, the better for our economy and our citizens. Oakland County Michigan Works! has been vital to the start up of our small family owned franchise. People, support and finances are the foundation of any start up business. Oakland County Michigan Works! has supported us on all of those levels.

They have provided multiple areas of recruiting assistance: helping us get posted with Pure Michigan Talent Connect system; sharing that post on their website and other outreach sources. Jillian Geyman even highlighted an applicant to us that she had been working with. I had previously rejected his submission based upon his resume; however, she combined her knowledge of working with the person along with our job description and connected us together. MI Works! also walked us through the process for the OJT / wage reimbursement program. This program has allowed us to hire a new person sooner that we might otherwise have been able to financially afford. Jillian along with Carolyn Miranda have been very supportive administratively with the process as well.

Steven A was our first hire through Oakland County Michigan Works! on 1/9/19 and this past week we hired our second person, Ian D, and we are currently looking for our third!! One reason our business is able to grow is because of the support of Oakland County Michigan Works! For you it might be just a name on a budget line item, but we wanted you to know this agency is so much more than that. They are foundational to the success of local businesses. Please continue the support to this agency!!

Sincerely,

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