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

Dear Governor Whitmer,

On behalf of Shape Corp., I would like to express our appreciation for the workforce development services provided by West Michigan Works! Shape Corp. is a global full-service, tier-one automotive and industrial component supplier of lightweight steel, aluminum, plastic, composite and hybrid solutions. Our organization was founded in 1974 and has grown from a rented building behind a trucking business into a global engineering and manufacturing company.

We connected with West Michigan Works! because we needed assistance with providing training to support the growing complexity of our manufacturing processes. West Michigan Works! helped us reach our goal of understanding the latest technology in plastic injection molding, allowing us to remain competitive in the automotive market.

Our company has benefited by working with West Michigan Works! by successfully applying for grants that allowed for us to provide valuable training to our team members. Our company is also able to provide a strong message to our team members that we are invested in their success and value their learning and continued employment. Joseph Lawson is a PUMA Technician that attended the RJG Systematic Molding I Class. When asked about the training, Joseph stated "Plastic is everywhere, so this training helps us push the mold in advancing our technology while staying up to date to better serve our customer needs. The training will help me keep up on our quality as well as getting our process back up and running quicker to keep our production rates up and to keep our quality top notch."

Sincerely,

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