



August 16, 2019

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

Dear Governor Whitmer,

On behalf of Mark-Maker Company, I would like to express our appreciation for the workforce development services provided by West Michigan Works! Since 1970, we have manufactured Printing Plates and Cutting Dies for the Packaging Industry throughout Michigan. We have approximately 72 dedicated employees and we continue to grow with support from groups like Michigan Works! Our employees have an average number of years served here of 19 years. This is an accomplishment that we are proud of.

We connected with West Michigan Works! because we needed assistance with training both existing and new employees. Our type of business requires internal training that is unique to our business. We cannot just hire previously trained people. Your program offered us cash incentives to soften the blow to our training costs and help us elevate participating employee's knowledge and salaries. Michigan Works! helped us reach our training goals and provided for our needs.

Our company has benefited by working with West Michigan Works! because we have better trained employees that help us to produce a quality product for our customers and help us to be more competitive with our out-of-state competitors. What I find most valuable about partnering with West Michigan Works! is the staff is very knowledgeable and responsive to our questions.

Sincerely,

*Chuck Bobeldyk*

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