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Senator Gary Peters  
United States Senate

Dear Senator Peters,

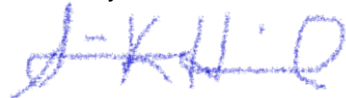
I am writing in support of Monroe County Community College's application for a Congressionally Directed Spending Request to improve and expand the classroom and laboratory spaces used for the College's Registered Nursing, Practical Nursing, Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), Respiratory Therapy, and other health-related courses and programs. This investment will also provide space to expand much needed programming in healthcare and public safety.

As you know, the healthcare workforce has become one of the cornerstones of Michigan's economy, and it is imperative that community colleges continue to provide an essential pipeline of new entrants into the healthcare labor force. The return on investment from a highly skilled healthcare workforce is not only significant and immediate, it is urgently needed, particularly in Respiratory Care. Monroe County Community College's nursing and respiratory therapy graduates are among the finest in the State. Enhancing and expanding the College's health-related educational facilities will enable it to increase the number of skilled healthcare professionals available to work in, and contribute to, Michigan's growing economy.

Our Respiratory Care students from Monroe Community College are a vital part of our Respiratory Care team and our new hire recruitment efforts here at William Beaumont University Hospital in Royal Oak. It is paramount that our Monroe Community College program remains competitive to attract new students into our profession and this needed expansion with updated facilities will do exactly that.

I support Monroe County Community College's application not only because it will help to educate and expand the future healthcare workforce, but also because it will provide a pathway for students to enter a rewarding and life-changing career. I ask that you give Monroe County Community College's application full consideration for this critical funding.

Sincerely,



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