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The Honorable Thom Tillis
United States Senate
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The Honorable Ted Budd
United States Senate
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The Honorable Richard Hudson
United States House of Representatives
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Tillis, Senator Budd, and Congressman Hudson:

On behalf of the board of directors of the Piedmont Triad Partnership, I am writing to express strong support for Randolph Community College's request for federal funding to establish the Liberty Education and Workforce Training Center. This investment is critical to ensuring that our region can meet the workforce demands created by expected economic growth across central North Carolina.

The Carolina Core is emerging as one of the nation's fastest-growing advanced manufacturing corridors, driven by transformative investments from companies such as Toyota Battery Manufacturing, Wolfspeed, Boom Supersonic, and JetZero. These projects represent thousands of new jobs and billions in capital investment. However, sustaining this momentum depends on our ability to develop and sustain a skilled workforce aligned with industry needs.

Randolph Community College plays a vital role in that effort. The proposed Liberty Education and Workforce Training Center will expand the college's ability to deliver industry-driven training, strengthen partnerships with employers, and prepare residents for high-demand careers in advanced manufacturing, healthcare, and other critical sectors supporting the economy of the Carolina Core.

Federal investment in this project will help ensure that the workforce infrastructure needed to support these major economic development projects and provide opportunities for economic mobility for our region's residents. Without this capacity, the Carolina Core risks falling short of the talent pipeline required to fully realize the benefits of these transformative investments.

Thank you for your continued leadership and commitment to strengthening North Carolina's workforce and economic competitiveness. I respectfully urge your support for Randolph Community College's federal funding request.

Sincerely,



Michael S. Fox
President & CEO