



## PIEDMONT TRIAD REGIONAL COUNCIL

The Honorable Thom Tillis  
United States Senate  
185 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Ted Budd  
United States Senate  
B40C Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard Hudson  
United States House of Representatives  
2112 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Tillis, Senator Budd, and Congressman Hudson:

On behalf of the Piedmont Triad Regional Council (PTRC), I am writing to express our strong support for Randolph Community College's request for a one-third federal investment toward the development of the Liberty Education and Workforce Training Center - a \$65 million initiative that will significantly enhance workforce development opportunities in our growing region.

Randolph Community College has demonstrated a track record of workforce innovation and community engagement, most recently being recognized by Apprenticeship NC as having the best Apprenticeship program in North Carolina. The College currently supports over 200 local businesses, industries, and organizations through customized training programs. The new Center in Liberty will expand this capacity at a critical time for our state and region.

According to PTRC's 2019 Population Projection Report, the Piedmont Triad region is expected to grow by over 141,000 residents between 2023 and 2033. Simultaneously, North Carolina faces an urgent challenge in meeting the MyFutureNC goal of credentialing 2 million residents aged 25-44 by 2030. The Liberty Education and Workforce Training Center will directly support this effort by preparing individuals for high-demand careers that sustain our regional economy.

The PTRC recognizes this project as a vital step forward in addressing workforce needs, expanding opportunity in rural areas, and aligning regional training infrastructure with both state and federal goals. We respectfully urge your full consideration of this request for federal support.

Thank you for your continued leadership and commitment to the future of North Carolina.

Sincerely,

Matthew Dolge, Executive Director