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The Honorable Thom Tillis  
United States Senate  
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The Honorable Ted Budd  
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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:

As President of the Randolph County Economic Development Corporation (RCEDC), I am writing to offer my full support for Randolph Community College's federal appropriations request for a one-third investment in the proposed Liberty Education and Workforce training Center — an initiative that will serve as a cornerstone of workforce development in Randolph County and the greater NC Carolina Core region.

In my role as a boots-on-the-ground economic developer, I can say with certainty that one of the most critical factors influencing business investment and expansion decisions is the availability of a skilled workforce. Randolph Community College has consistently delivered high-quality training solutions that respond directly to industry needs, and its reputation is evidenced by its recent recognition as having the best apprenticeship program in the state by Apprenticeship NC. The College directly supports over 200 businesses and organizations through customized training, and this new Center will significantly expand that capacity — particularly in the rapidly growing Liberty area.

Our region is preparing for substantial growth. The Piedmont Triad Regional Council projects a population increase of more than 141,000 residents between 2023 and 2033. At the same time, North Carolina's MyFutureNC initiative has set an ambitious goal to credential 2 million residents aged 25-44 by 2030. The Liberty Education and Workforce Training Center will play a vital role in achieving this goal by equipping our residents with the skills needed for today's and tomorrow's jobs.

This project is not just a building — it is a long-term investment in our local economy, our workforce, and our future. I respectfully urge your support for Randolph Community College's federal funding request to make this vision a reality.

Thank you for your ongoing leadership and commitment to the economic success of Randolph County and our region.

Sincerely,

Kevin P. Franklin  
President