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October 21, 2022

Jo Alice Blondin, Ph.D. Clark State Community College P.O. Box 570 Springfield, OH 45501

Dear Dr. Blondin,

The Ohio Department of Transportation is pleased to support Clark State College's request for funding for a Commercial Transportation Training Center. This Center would allow Clark State to enhance and expand its current offerings in the area of Commercial Driver's License (CDL) instruction. Such expansion and enhancement are crucial to the supply chain that allows all our area industries to keep moving. In the past year, there have been over 14,000 job postings for Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers within a 60-mile radius of Springfield, Ohio. With additional big businesses moving into Springfield and other areas of Ohio, the pool of CDL drivers will need to stretch even further.

We are constantly looking for CDL drivers to fulfill our needs in maintaining our highway system and providing winter operation services. Our employees not only provide much needed deliveries, but they also operate these CDL vehicles when applying materials, plowing our highways, and repairing our roadways to extend the service life of our system all year long.

Again, we fully support Clark State's requests for funds to establish a Commercial Transportation Training Center. Thank you for your consideration, and please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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ODOT District 7 Deputy Director

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October 31, 2022 Jo Alice Blondin, Ph.D. Clark State Community College P.O. Box 570 Springfield, OH 45501

Dear Dr. Blondin,

Brian Lampton Agency is pleased to support Clark State College's request for funding for a Commercial Transportation Training Center. This Center would allow Clark State to enhance and expand its current offerings in the area of Commercial Driver's License (CDL) instruction. Such expansion and enhancement is crucial to the supply chain that allows all of our area industries to keep moving. In the past year, there have been over 14,000 job postings for Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers within a 60-mile radius of Springfield, Ohio. With additional big businesses moving into Springfield and other areas of Ohio, the pool of CDL drivers will need to stretch even further.

Brian Lampton Agency fully supports Clark State's requests for funds to establish a Commercial Transportation Training Center. Thank you for your consideration, and please contact me if you have any questions. Sincerely,

Brian Lampton President, Brian Lampton Agency, Inc.



November 3, 2022

Dr. Jo Alice Blondin, President Clark State College P.O. Box 570 Springfield, Ohio 45501

Dear Dr. Blondin:

The Dayton Region Manufacturers Association (DRMA) is pleased to support Clark State College's request for funding for a Commercial Transportation Training Center.

This center would allow Clark State to enhance and expand its current offerings in the area of Commercial Driver's License (CDL) instruction. In the past year, there have been over 14,000 job postings for heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers within a 60-mile radius of Springfield. With additional big businesses moving into Springfield and other areas of Ohio, the pool of CDL drivers will need to stretch even further. Expansion and enhancement of Clark State's center are crucial to the supply chain that allows all of our area manufacturers to remain economically vibrant.

DRMA, established in 1934, is the industry-driven business association serving manufacturers throughout the Dayton Region, representing over 200 manufacturing companies plus 130 manufacturing suppliers. Our manufacturer members cite supply chain challenges as a top issue affecting the on-going success of their companies. Having enough qualified truck drivers to move raw materials and finished products will certainly lessen the supply chain strain.

DRMA fully supports Clark State's requests for funding, and we appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Angelia M. Erbaugh

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President

November 1, 2022

Jo Alice Blondin, Ph.D. Clark State Community College P.O. Box 570 Springfield, OH 45501

Dear Dr. Blondin,

M.H. EBY Inc. (EBY) is pleased to support Clark State College's request for funding for a Commercial Transportation Training Center. This Center will allow Clark State to enhance and expand its offerings for commercial transportation, agriculture, and supporting careers. Agriculture is a crucial industry not only to this region but to the entire state and nation. Farmers and other agricultural workers rely on heavy equipment that often runs on diesel fuel and requires knowledgeable diesel technicians to maintain. The farming industry also relies on heavy trucks and tractor-trailers to transport goods across the nation. By creating a center that combines Commercial Driver's License training, Agriculture, and Diesel Technicians in one location, these three interconnected industries will better be able to learn from each other.

Our company was founded in 1938 and we remain a third-generation family-owned business that manufactures commercial Agri-transportation equipment. EBY manufactures livestock, grain and equipment trailers in addition to a wide variety of truck bodies for individual use and fleet applications. We look forward to having this type of resource near our operation.

EBY fully supports Clark State's requests for funds to establish a Commercial Transportation Training Center. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or if you need any additional information.

Sincerely.

Kirk Swensen

Regional Sales Manager



October 24, 2022

Jo Alice Blondin, Ph.D. Clark State Community College P.O. Box 570 Springfield, OH 45501

Dear Dr. Blondin,

The Greater Springfield Partnership is pleased to support Clark State College's request for funding for a Commercial Transportation Training Center. This Center would allow Clark State to enhance and expand its current offerings in the area of Commercial Driver's License (CDL) instruction. Such expansion and enhancement is crucial to the supply chain that allows all of our area industries to keep moving. In the past year, there have been over 14,000 job postings for Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers within a 60-mile radius of Springfield, Ohio. With additional big businesses moving into Springfield and other areas of Ohio, the pool of CDL drivers will need to stretch even further.

The Greater Springfield Partnership continues to be a strong and active partner in the business community, and much of the feedback we receive is centered around "preparing our future workforce" for in-demand and growing job opportunities. Our partner, Clark State College, is at the center of meeting those ongoing needs, and having the ability to offer a Commercial Transportation Training Center will only enhance the marketability of our region to the diverse industries of supply chains of current and future industries in central Ohio.

The Greater Springfield Partnership fully supports Clark State's requests for funds to establish a Commercial Transportation Training Center. Thank you for your consideration, and please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely

Michael J. McDorman

President & CEO







