

October 28, 2021

The Honorable Phil Murphy
Governor of New Jersey
Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 001
Trenton, NJ 08625

Dear Governor Murphy,

We, the undersigned, are writing to respectfully ask you to sign legislation (S793/A3027), passed unanimously by the state legislature, that will ensure a stable and significant investment every year in the Workplace Literacy and Basic Skills Training program.

This program has been a critical investment in our companies, in our employees, and in our state. This program enables companies, such as ours, to work seamlessly and efficiently with the state's community colleges to obtain essential training for our employees.

We are fortunate to have had the opportunity to benefit from an investment that has positively impacted thousands of employers across our state. The training has helped our company to be more productive while helping our employees to pursue opportunities for career advancement. This legislation will ensure that more companies and their employees can participate in this highly effective program each year.

New Jersey's talented and productive workforce is the foundation of our economy. It is essential that the state, working with businesses and community colleges, continue to make strategic and thoughtful investments in the skills of the state's workers. The legislature's unanimous support for this legislation is a recognition of the success of this program in assisting individuals and businesses across the state.

We ask that you sign this legislation providing ongoing support for a program, built on strong innovative partnerships, that expands economic opportunities for New Jerseyans and builds a skilled workforce to propel statewide economic growth.

Sincerely,

Affordable Housing Alliance, Monmouth County
Associates in Vascular Care, LLC, Monmouth County
Boys & Girls Club of Paterson and Passaic, Passaic County
Children's Center of Monmouth County &
Adult Day Habilitation, Monmouth County
Connect One, Union County
COPA DATA USA Corp, Mercer County
CUMAC/ECHO, Inc., Passaic County
DIY Media Group, Inc., Camden County
Fond Du Lac Cold Storage, Middlesex County
Lunch Break, Monmouth County
Mazza Recycling Services, Monmouth County
Millennium Systems International, Morris County

NEMR Total HR, Burlington County
NJNG, Monmouth County
NORWESCAP, Warren County
Calvary Baptist Preschool, Passaic County
PNY Technologies, Inc., Morris County
Randolph YMCA, Morris County
Robert Michael Communications, Inc., Camden County
Sea Box, Burlington County
Staff Management Group, Middlesex County
Terumo Interventional Systems, Somerset County
United Window & Door, Union County
Valley Health System, Bergen County
Freehold Cartage, Monmouth County

Additional Comments from Businesses in Support of Legislation (S793/A3027):

"The classes offered through this grant are an integral part of the training and development opportunities for our employees. Without it we simply can't meet the needs of nearly as many employees as we do with this grant."

"This will continue to make a huge difference in helping and assisting our employees learn new skills for their toolkits in an ever-changing climate of working with adults with disabilities. Thank you."

"We have used the courses offered through these grants to support the increased development of our teams for areas where we do not have the expertise or the resources."

Our employees have commented numerous times on the benefits of being able to engage in these courses."

"My Employees and company benefit from these short training programs. I would like you to keep funding it."

"We've used the workplace trainings for both food safety and basic excel/word classes. We value the training and our partnership with our community college."

"Our company fully supports this very valuable and mutually beneficial program that allows the vulnerable to enhance their skills and positions them to be competitive in the job market. Governor Murphy, we ask that you support this Legislation that is needed now more than ever so our vulnerable neighbors will not be held back to grow."

"This program is very helpful."

"This is a great program."

"Many of our employees have taken advantage of the state funded training through our community college and we would love for it to continue since (due to budget reasons), we are not always able to register our employees for the training that would benefit them. I hope this funding will continue and give our employees a better chance to better themselves."

"This program has allowed for staff training that we otherwise would not be able to afford. It has a direct correspondence to keeping staff engaged, informed and productive."
