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Dear Lawmakers:

As a member of University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown's Advisory Board, and a Pennsylvania business partner of UPJ, I am writing this letter today to share the vital role that the Pitt-Johnstown campus plays in strengthening our economy—locally and throughout the state.

Some ways that Pitt-Johnstown adds value to our community include:

- A statewide economic impact of around \$132.6 million annually.
- Sustaining 275 full-time and 200 part-time jobs, making Pitt-Johnstown a top 17 employer in Cambria County.
- Educating over 2,200 students each year, including 93% who call Pennsylvania home.
- Fueling our local workforce with 500 graduates each year, including approximately 30% who stay, work and help to advance our state's economy.
- Growing a network of over 22,000 alumni, many of whom live in Cambria and surrounding counties.
- Contributing over 10,000 volunteer hours annually.
- Maintaining a Military Friendly School distinction thanks to a steadfast commitment to serving and supporting veterans.
- Elevating the reputation of our region with community partnerships such as:
  - CODE for Commonwealth and Country to enhance digital literacy for workforce competitiveness, beginning in K-12 and beyond.
  - PITTchFEST to promote and invest in entrepreneurs, award ideas and innovation that go beyond the traditional for-profit models and provide potentially significant and sustainable value in enhancing our economy and community.
  - The REACHLand sidewalk project, a transformational sidewalk and trail project connecting and supporting the following: recreational opportunities in the township; environmentally sustainable landscapes; academic institutions, community, and commerce; and a healthy environment. These examples speak to the many ways that Pitt-Johnstown is a proven engine of opportunity for the region. We are proud of Pitt's role in our community and grateful to have such a powerful ally in advancing the important work of strengthening Pennsylvania's families, economies, and future.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss in detail based on my role as an Advisory board member or as a business partner.

Sincerely,



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President & CEO

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