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Dear Rep. Armanini:

As the Executive Director of Bradford's Office of Economic and Community Development and an alumna of the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford, I know the important role the university plays in the regional and state economy. I also am grateful for all that my alma mater contributes to our community and the state of Pennsylvania, which includes:

- Making a statewide economic impact of about \$81 million annually.
- Paying \$4.5 million in state and local tax revenues annually.
- Sustaining and supporting 856 jobs, making Pitt-Bradford one of the largest employers in McKean County.
- Fueling our local workforce with an average of 195 graduates each year, 71% of whom stay, work and help to advance our state's economy.
- Growing a network of nearly 5,500 alumni who, like me, live in a 15-county region of Pennsylvania that includes your district.
- Contributing \$3.9 million in volunteer time to the local communities by Pitt-Bradford employees and students.
- Maintaining a Military Friendly School and Military Friendly Spouse School distinctions for many years thanks to a steadfast commitment to serving and supporting veterans and their families.
- Elevating the reputation and the vitality of our region by developing new engineering technology programs and building a new engineering and information technologies building to meet the workforce needs of regional employers.

These are only a few examples, but they illustrate the many ways Pitt-Bradford adds value to both our region and the state. As an alumna living in this region, I am proud of the vital role Pitt-Bradford plays in the community and grateful to have such a powerful ally that helps to strengthen Pennsylvania's families, economies and future

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Thank you for your steadfast support of our alma mater.

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