

June 20, 2023



The Honorable Martin T. Causer
78 Main Street, 1st Floor
Bradford, PA 16701

Dear Representative Causer:

As we are both graduates of the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford, we possess firsthand knowledge of the University's *crucial* contribution to bolstering our economy at both the local and statewide levels. In my capacity as the executive director of the Bradford Area Alliance, an organization committed to fostering a thriving economy in our region of the PA Wilds, I am deeply grateful for the numerous ways in which Pitt-Bradford enriches our community:

- Making a statewide economic impact of about \$81 million annually.
- Paying \$4.5 million in state and local tax revenues annually, including \$1.8 million for municipalities in McKean County.
- 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 examples, and many others not referenced, speak to the many ways in which Pitt-Bradford serves as an essential catalyst for regional opportunities. We consider ourselves incredibly fortunate to have Pitt-Bradford assume such a pivotal role within our community, and we are grateful to have such an ally in advancing the critical work of strengthening Pennsylvania's families, economies, and future.

Thank you for your continuing and tenacious support of our alma mater.

Respectfully,

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