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Dear Lawmakers:

On behalf of the Cambria Regional Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to share our support for Pitt-Johnstown and the crucial role it plays in our community as a top employer and economic driver.

A top-tier 'Best Regional Colleges in the Northeast' (US News & World Report), and a "Best in the Northeast" college (Princeton Review), Pitt-Johnstown prepares students for jobs needed in Pennsylvania's economy.

Pitt-Johnstown supports 781 full and part-time jobs in Cambria County, making Pitt-Johnstown a top 11 employer. In addition, Pitt-Johnstown generates more than \$6 million yearly in local and state taxes, including \$2 million for Cambria County municipalities.

At a time when many of our businesses are concerned about staffing, Pitt-Johnstown offers our community a great pool of well-educated potential employees each year. Of the school's 2,000 students, 91% call Pennsylvania home. We are particularly thankful for the engineering, computer science, nursing teaching, business, and finance majors who help our local companies fill vital positions.

Pitt-Johnstown leadership has done a great job with partnering with area organizations, like the Chamber, on programs that help elevate our community such as the Flood City Youth Fitness Academy and the "I Rise" Tutor and Mentor Program which provides academic support for students in the Johnstown community.

Each year members of the Chamber staff help judge PITTchFEST which helps promote and invest in entrepreneurs, innovation and in enhancing our economy and community.

We strongly believe Pitt-Johnstown is a proven engine of opportunity for the region. We are proud of Pitt's role in our community and are grateful to have such a powerful ally in advancing the critical work of strengthening Pennsylvania's families, economies, and future.

Respectfully,

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