

# 1889 FOUNDATION

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Dear Lawmakers:

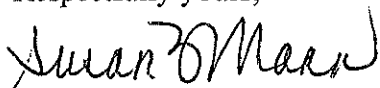
Please accept this letter on behalf of the 1889 Foundation, a health and wellness grantmaking foundation based in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, in support of the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown (Pitt-Johnstown) and the vital role that they play in strengthening our economy—locally and throughout the 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 eleven 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:
  - The Flood City Youth Fitness Academy and the “I Rise” Tutor and Mentor Program to provide academic support and mentoring for students in the Greater Johnstown community.
  - 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.

Respectfully yours,



Susan M. Mann  
President