

Dear Rep. Armanini,

As a company based in Pennsylvania and a business partner of the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford, we are writing today to relay the vital role that Pitt-Bradford plays in strengthening our economy—locally and throughout the state.

Some of the additional ways that Pitt-Bradford adds value to our community include:

- Making a statewide economic impact of around \$75.1 million annually.
- Paying \$3.5 million in state and local tax revenues annually.
- Sustaining and supporting 788 jobs, making Pitt-Bradford the sixth-largest employer in McKean County.
- Supporting 6,325 vendor partnerships across the state for a total of more than \$4.5 million.
- Educating 139 university students as well as 170 high school students through the College in the High School program, all of whom live in the counties in your legislative district.
- Fueling our local workforce with an average of 242 graduates each year, 73% of whom stay, work and help to advance our state's economy.
- Growing a network of nearly 6,000 alumni who live in a 15-county region of Pennsylvania that includes your district.
- Performing nearly 4,000 volunteer hours annually.
- 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 there are many more -- speak to the many ways that Pitt-Bradford is a proven engine of opportunity for the region. We are proud of Pitt-Bradford'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,

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