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Dear Lawmakers:

As members of the Pitt-Greensburg Alumni Association (PGAA) Board of Directors, we represent companies and organizations based in Pennsylvania and business partners with the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg. We are writing today to relay the vital role that the Pitt-Greensburg campus plays in strengthening our economy—locally and throughout the state. As alumni of Pitt-Greensburg, we have experienced first-hand the quality education provided at the Westmoreland County campus.

Some ways that Pitt-Greensburg adds value to our community include:

- A statewide economic impact of around \$76.9 million annually.
- Generating \$3.8 million in state and local tax revenues annually.
- Sustaining 810 jobs that contribute to the economic viability of Westmoreland County and the region.
- Over the past five years, educating more than 7,000 students, including 94% who call Pennsylvania home.
- Fueling our local workforce with more than 300 graduates each year, including 82% who stay, work and help to advance our state's economy.
- Growing a network of more than 10,000 alumni who live in Pennsylvania, primarily in Westmoreland and Allegheny Counties.
- Contributing an average of more the 5,200 volunteer hours annually.
- Maintaining a Military Friendly School distinction for 11 consecutive years and achieving Gold distinction in 2022, thanks to a steadfast commitment to serving and supporting veterans.
- Elevating the reputation of our region via successes such as the establishment of the Pitt School of Nursing in Westmoreland County, Center for Applied Research, and Community Arts Reintegration Project.

These examples speak to the many ways that Pitt-Greensburg 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 submitted on behalf of the PGAA Board,

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