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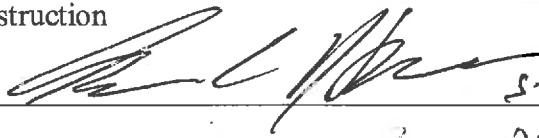
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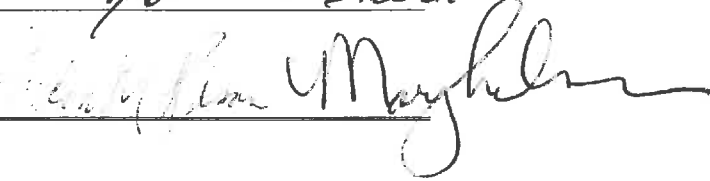
The purpose of this letter is to respond to the downsizing of the Construction Trades Program from a two instructor program to a single instructor program. We feel that there will be significant changes that will leave a lasting impact on student numbers, the quality and extent of the student's education and preparedness for the real world work environment, and as always safety. As members of the OAC for this program we encourage you to support this program in its present state and to put forth efforts in recruiting and public awareness. Mr. Lytle and Mr. Yanosko have had both been a great asset for the CNT program and ECTS.

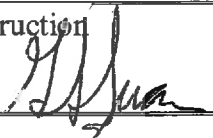
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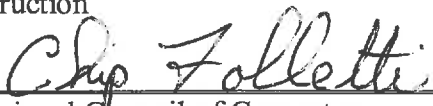
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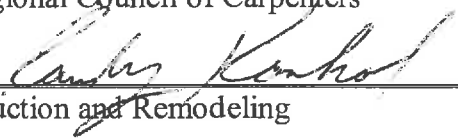
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Date: April 5, 2012

To: Erie County Technical School
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Attention: Dave Yanosko

RE: Program Vibrancy

Dave,

Recently we've heard that your program is considering a reduction in staff due to budget constraints. As a benefactor of the Erie County Technical School program, we know 1st hand the value that this program provides for our community. This program does a great job exposing these young people to the Construction Trades in a number of categories which prepares them for the challenges they will face when they get out into the work force and on the job sites. As a company we have hired several of your graduates and have been very pleased with their ability level and knowledge. As a local General Contractor, we are continually searching for trades persons who can come on board ready to go and with a basic knowledge of the trade. Erie County Technical School does that. It is our opinion that any reduction in your teaching staff would greatly affect your ability to expose these students to the various trades of construction. We are writing to support your current program and strongly encourage those in the Council positions to re-consider any reductions in this great program. Erie County Technical School is an asset to our community and to the construction industry in our great City and County of Erie.

Sincerely,

Daniel J Schaaf

Vice President

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