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Representative Mary Franson
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Dear Representative Franson,

We recently had an opportunity to learn about Alexandria Technical & Community College's (ATCC) Capital Transportation Project. The proposed Transportation Center addresses a critical workforce need for the State of Minnesota. On behalf of Ziegler Companies, I am writing you today in support for this project.

This project will add workforce to address Minnesota's high-demand occupational needs and increase competitiveness with North and South Dakota. The Transportation Center will increase the number of skilled technicians, which is critical to the continued growth of Ziegler Companies and many other transportation companies across Minnesota and the nation. ATCC's program provides skilled technicians statewide, which includes our headquarters located in Bloomington.

ATCC's new facility will improve student safety, embrace future teaching methodologies, keep pace with rapidly changing industry technology, and most importantly, increase enrollment by eliminating waiting lists. Diesel Technicians and Professional Trucking Driving programs are both five-star career outlook programs according to Minnesota DEED.

Diesel Technician programs are extremely important to Ziegler Companies, as we currently have Diesel Technician job openings across our entire state. In addition, we have started a Technician Apprentice program on our own, in which we are hiring and training students recently finished from high school. We created this program as an additional avenue and pipeline for our Technician hires, because the demand and competition for their skill is so high throughout the nation.

We would be happy to host you and your team for a tour at one of our Bloomington locations and further discuss the dire need for Diesel Technicians. If you have any further questions, we would be happy to set up a call or meeting as well.

Thank you,

Brad Sewell
Vice President Product Support