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Tim Thomas, Federal Co-Chair  
Appalachian Regional Commission  
1666 Connecticut Avenue NW, Suite 700  
Washington, D.C. 20009-1068

***Re: Eastern Gateway Community College ARC POWER Grant Application***

Dear Chairman Thomas:

I am writing today on behalf of Eastern Gateway Community College (EGCC) and its ARC POWER grant application for the proposed Tri-State Gateway to Growth Training Center in Steubenville, Ohio. ARC POWER funding is being requested to equip a facility that will provide in-demand job training for NIMS credentials for Industrial Maintenance positions, Commercial Driver's Licenses (CDL) and customized training for other industries, including petrochemicals. This training will provide upskilling opportunities for workers in coal impacted industries, including mining, power plants and supply chain, as well as provide skills and credentials for college students in emerging new industries, including oil and gas.

This truly regional proposal will serve the Eastern Gateway Community College service area in Eastern Ohio, including the panhandle of West Virginia and Western Pennsylvania. Many of the counties in this three-state region along the Ohio River have lost jobs in coal mining, in the transition from coal-fired electric power plants to natural gas-fired power plants, and the decline in supply chain industries. The new skills in Advanced Manufacturing, Logistics, Oil and Gas and the Building and Construction Trades will enable displaced workers to obtain new jobs at sustainable wages.

With the recent closure of the General Motors automobile plant in Lordstown in Trumbull County, there is a ready pool of trainees to learn new skills. Displaced and incumbent workers and college students will be able to earn credentials for in-demand skills in industrial maintenance, hydraulics, pneumatics, electrical and mechanical systems, welding, machining and piping, in addition to truck driver training. Many of these skills will be useful as jobs become available at JSW Steel in Mingo Junction, at the Ethane Cracker Plant in Monaca, Pennsylvania, the proposed cracker plant in Belmont County, or at any of the upstream or downstream industries created by the Oil and Gas Industry, including thousands of new jobs in the building and construction trades associated with these developments.

I look forward to partnering with ARC, Eastern Gateway Community College, and all our other partners in making this dream a reality. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Tim Ryan  
Member of Congress

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