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Dear Legislative Subcommittee,

On behalf of Applied Materials, please consider this a letter of support for continual funding of Flathead Valley Community College (FVCC) in support of meeting our workforce needs.

Applied Materials has had a continual partnership with FVCC for many years to help develop our critical skills workforce. Specifically, with Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs including CNC machining, stainless steel welding, and electrical technicians. Applied Materials has supported several employees while they go through these programs at FVCC to upskill their capabilities and grow their careers. We also rely on FVCC to continue creating a future workforce pipeline.

We support strong partnerships with FVCC and local high schools to engage in early education of STEM opportunities that exist within our public-school communities. We proudly partnered with FVCC to host tours and explore the semiconductor industry at FVCC's Career and Technical Exploration Day.

Across a variety of partnerships, FVCC is always responsive and flexible in their effort to help Applied Materials achieve our workforce goals. A community like ours, that is geographically removed from larger universities, relies upon the partnership of local community colleges to help respond to workforce needs, prepare the next generation of talent, and keep our Montana kids working in Montana.

Yours Truly,

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