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To Whom it May Concern:

Having observed a number of pre-apprentices looking to enter our tradecraft we, the **North Atlantic States Carpenters Rochester Training Center** consider it an honor to continue and extend our complete support of the work of the Multicraft Apprenticeship Preparation Program and its affiliated "On the Job" training component Project Phoenix.

The synergy created between the two successful NYS designated Direct-Entry programs, are one of the most innovative and cohesive, grassroots programs available to counter the ravages of poverty, in the Rochester, New York area — particularly given their primary focus is serving historically underserved populations and directly effecting outcomes in lifting individuals from the grip of poverty by introducing participants to career-track opportunities throughout Rochester's Building and Construction Trades.

From canvassing residents in neighborhoods suffering from the disempowering effects of gentrification and generational poverty, to identify qualified candidates for employment in the construction trades, to extending a tangible opportunity to participate in their Direct-Entry pre-apprenticeship and potentially become a craftsman/woman, the neighborhood revitalization potential promises a restoration of hope and thereby a true sense of community.

It is rare to identify truly committed individuals and organizations with such passion, extending a tangible career-track opportunity to those most in need and we look forward to continuing to build upon on our shared interests with the Multicraft Apprenticeship Preparation Program, LLC.

We are confident that, with your help, their efforts will continue to demonstrably drive a sense of P.R.I.D.E. (PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY IN DEVELOPING EXCELLENCE) in our neighborhoods and community.

Sincerely,

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