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Dear Monroe Community College Nursing leadership:

As Director of Education at St. Ann's Community, I am writing to express our support for Monroe Community College's ***Transforming Lives through Nursing Pathways*** education and training proposal to grow the healthcare workforce in Monroe County. We urge you to consider the college's request for funding as an important part of the county's *Bring Monroe Back* Coronavirus recovery initiative.

St. Ann's Community promotes the highest levels of independence, and physical and spiritual well-being of older adults in the Catholic tradition of excellence in care and services.

St. Ann's Community is committed to supporting this program. We pledge to:

- Support community outreach and student recruiting efforts
- Consider employees to participate in the program
- Provide guest speakers
- Provide tours for program faculty and students
- Advertise open positions through MCC's Handshake platform
- Participate in MCC Career Fairs
- Interview program completers for positions at [Organization]
- Offer competitive wages for new hires
- Encourage senior employees to become adjunct professors
- Serve on one of MCC's health professions advisory boards

St. Ann's Community is confident that the ***Transforming Lives through Nursing Pathways*** program will provide new opportunities for Monroe County residents to obtain good paying jobs in the rapidly growing optics industry. Proposed connections to appropriate support services available through the college and other county partners will help grow the highly skilled optics workforce needed here.

Sincerely,

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