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The Honorable Pamela Hornberger, Chair
Michigan House of Representatives
Education Committee
P.O. Box 30014
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The Honorable Brad Paquette, Majority Vice-Chair
Michigan House of Representatives
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The Honorable Darrin Camilleri, Minority Vice-Chair
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The Honorable Jack O'Malley, 101st District
Michigan House of Representatives
Education Committee
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Dear Chair Hornberger, Vice-Chair Paquette, Vice-Chair Camilleri and Representative O'Malley:

I am writing in strong support of House Bill 4184, which would increase the limit on outstanding New Jobs Training Program agreements from \$50 million to \$75 million dollars.

Since authorization in 2009, Northwestern Michigan College (NMC) has been an active participant in the use of the New Jobs Training Act. To date, NMC has worked to create 863 jobs through 40 participating employers throughout an 8 county area. Total contract investments for NMC alone amount to over \$5 million dollars. This program provides a significant benefit to our regional economy and NMC strongly supports raising the aggregate cap on the program to \$75 million dollars.

Thank you for the consideration and if I can be a resource on this matter or any other matter related to community colleges, please don't hesitate to reach out. You may also contact NMC's Director of Advocacy and Government Relations, Gabe Schneider at 517-449-6453 or ggschneider@nmc.edu.

Sincerely,

Timothy J. Nelson
President