

January 17, 2020

The Honorable Dolores G. Kelley
Chair
Senate Finance Committee
3 East Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Chair Kelley:

I am writing in support of Senate Bill 26, Partnership for Workforce Quality Program – Alterations to grow the Program eligibility and to allow funding to include training of new employees.

The Program has been highly successful and expanding eligibility to cover new employees will allow more companies to participate and build on this success.

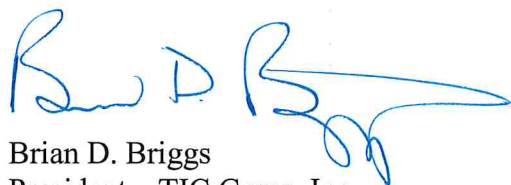
As Chairman of the Maryland Manufacturing Advisory Board, I regularly talk with business leaders across the state. The number one challenge that I hear about relates to the workforce of the future and how we can grow, develop, hire and retain the talent that will be necessary for businesses to compete against neighboring states.

As the leader of a Harford County manufacturing company, working to fill job opportunities in our company, it's important to me that new employees receive the appropriate training needed to succeed and move forward in their career paths. Expanding the program will make certain that employees receive the required training to gain skill and knowledge, leading to personal and professional growth for these individuals.

Expanding the Program for new employee training will help make Maryland's talent pool deeper and differentiate us from neighboring states.

I fully support Senate Bill 26 and request your approval.

Sincerely,



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Chairman – Maryland Manufacturing Advisory Board