



Forest River, Inc.
888 SE Sheridan Rd, Sheridan, Oregon 97378

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Representative Lucetta Elmer
Gomberg
District 24
900 Court St. NE, H-374
Salem, OR 97301

Representative David
District 10
900 Court St. NE, H-480
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Funding request for the Barbara Roberts Career Technical Education Center

Good afternoon, Representatives Elmer and Gomberg,

At Forest River we produce Recreational Vehicles that require skilled laborers. We employ laborers with skill sets like: welding, plumbing, electrical, cabinet building, milling, assembling, forklift operating, drafting, roofing, painting, etc.

We have manufacturing facilities across the country, but locally we have facilities in Silverton Oregon, Independence Oregon, Harrisburg Oregon, Dallas Oregon, and Sheridan Oregon. Over the last couple of decades, we have witnessed a decline in work ready young adults entering the skilled labor workforce.

Last year the RV industry contributed over \$1.1 trillion into the US economy, accounting for 2.2% of the GDP. If the lack of skilled labor is affecting our industry, it can be used as an indicator for the other work sectors that rely on skilled laborers.

We believe the CTE program in Sheridan Oregon will be a benefit to both the student, and the employers, and we are hopeful you find it beneficial as well and support funding for this project.

Thank you in advance for your support of this project,

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