Sustainable Opportunity Development Center

2525 Southeast Blvd.
Salem, OH 44460

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of the Columbiana County Educational Service Center's Straight A grant request. Fulfilling this grant will assist in accomplishing our mission; the revitalization of downtown Salem, Ohio and development of sustainable businesses in our region. In addition, it will provide training and direction for the future workforce in the changing economic climate in Columbiana County.

Employers have specific and changing demands for business growth and development, as the employment landscape responds to technological interventions. Young people in our communities need direction in acquiring competencies to satisfy industry and corporate demands. The development of an Advisory Board for guidance will increase cohesiveness between educational entities and the business community. Such practice is essential for creating quality partnerships and the obtainment of employment objectives.

Sincerely

Michael L. Mancuso
Executive Director