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Hello Chair Marcotte,

Thank you for having the Chamber in to testify on H.34 today. I have sent you some language for the proposed changes to the bill, and if you have any follow-up questions I am always available.

Page 5, Clause 4a:

Develop strategies designed to reduce employee layoffs and business closures, <u>to encourage workforce and business retention</u>, and to support sustainable <u>employment growth across industries</u>; and

Page 9, Clause 6:

- (6) facilitate effective communication between the business community, State and local government, and public and private educational institutions, for the purpose of workforce pipeline development and job placement;
 - (A) Such communication shall incorporate best practices in marketing and public outreach to promote awareness of existing and emerging workforce programs, ensuring accessibility and engagement across diverse sectors

Best, Jeremy

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