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The Honorable Marvin L. Abney  
Chairman, Committee on Finance  
Rhode Island House of Representatives  
82 Smith Street  
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Chairman Abney:

On behalf of Fidelity Investments, please accept this letter of support for the Higher Education and Workforce Development Center in Northern Rhode Island created under the leadership of the Rhode Island Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner. As we have worked with the team working to build this Center, we believe that a workforce training center of this caliber will help build a bridge between R.I. job seekers and employers.

Fidelity offers employees the opportunity to build careers, to develop professionally, and to explore endless opportunities and career paths through the company. Most companies and business units at Fidelity hire employees to work in several different career areas including retirement services, investment, support & trading, payroll & benefits outsourcing, client services, technology, sales & relationship management, operations, corporate services, and more. Our culture of diversity and inclusion helps us better serve our customers, develop our associates and strengthen our communities. Individual differences and unique perspectives are a significant part of Fidelity Investment's growth and success as an organization. We promote an environment of collaboration, innovation and service.

Fidelity associates work across the United States, in 11 states, within our regional centers and in over 180 investor centers. Each location has a distinctive regional character, and all embody Fidelity's values and culture. Our Smithfield office is pleased to support efforts by the Rhode Island Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner (RI OPC) to drive greater workforce training and postsecondary education in northern Rhode Island. Locating an education center in the region populated by many diverse adults seeking postsecondary credentials better enables Fidelity to recruit locally and strengthen our relationships with Rhode Island.

Fidelity is a committed supporter of the training facility to be located on Main Street in Woonsocket. RI OPC's approach in collaborating with Fidelity and other private businesses to understand our hiring needs is impressive and we are happy to support this venture that will benefit the region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frederick J. Metters".

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