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Dr. Mordecai Brownlee
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Dear President Brownlee,

I am writing to you to express my support for the Community College of Aurora's (CCA) Congressionally Directed Spending request for \$970,750 to provide critical instructional equipment to expand workforce-critical training in heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC), electrical systems, structural trades and other essential construction pathways. For the City of Aurora, investing in career-connected education and workforce development in high-demand fields like HVAC technician and other construction trades is critical for sustaining and growing our local businesses.

I commend CCA for its proven track record for providing high-quality, industry-aligned, hands-on workforce training and career pathways that prepare adult, college-age, and high school students for in-demand jobs within the Aurora metro area. The proposed instructional equipment request aligns perfectly with the college's mission to meet the needs of employers and ensure that the local workforce has the knowledge, skills and hands-on experience to advance in their careers.

Expanding the college's HVAC, structural trades and other construction-forward programs is a strategic investment in both our community's well-being and our future economic and workforce success. These programs play a vital role in addressing existing and predicted workforce shortages. The college's programs provide pathways to immediate jobs, as well as strong transfer partnerships for those careers requiring a bachelor's degree.

I fully support CCA's proposed project and the significant and critical investments it will make in Aurora's workforce. This project will create jobs, stimulate economic growth, and enhance the overall quality of life for residents in and beyond Aurora.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Coffman".

Michael Coffman, Mayor
Aurora, Colorado