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Good afternoon Mayor Bethune,

I hope you are doing well and staying healthy. HGTC is going to submit an application to the EDA in response to the COVID Pandemic to renovate Building 100 on the Grand Strand campus in Market Common. Below is a quick summary of the proposed project. Attached is a more comprehensive project summary. We would be so grateful if you would provide us with a signed letter of support to include in our application. Attached is a draft copy of a letter of support for your review. Please make any changes to the letter as needed. We appreciate your on-going support and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

In response to the urgent need to diversify the Grand Strand economy and prepare residents for more sustainable employment options in the aftermath of COVID-19, Horry-Georgetown Technical College (HGTC) proposes the creation of the WISE (Workforce Innovation + Skills Enhancement) Center as a centrally located and accessible facility for flexible, demand-responsive training programs. The Center will be located in the 14,100 square foot gymnasium of the now-closed Myrtle Beach Air Force Base. As part of the 75-acre Grand Strand Campus, the Center will feature state-of-the-art labs and instructional technologies that can accommodate multiple STEM programs including the fast-growing fields of cybersecurity, information technology, and healthcare. In addition to filling employer needs, these programs also support the critical technology and public health infrastructure of our communities.

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