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To Whom It May Concern:

I submit this letter in support of the High Roads Training Partnership (HRTP) project under the leadership of the Kern Community College District (KCCD). As the Vice Chancellor of Workforce and Economic Development for the California Community College Chancellor’s Office, I have seen first-hand the critical role community colleges play in meeting regional economic demands through educational and training programs. The KCCD has a longstanding record of excellence in workforce development and serves as a hub of innovation in this area.

Cross-sector leadership and partnerships are critical to creating pathways to high-wage jobs. Creating new jobs in regions where KCCD serves and offering family-sustaining wages with opportunity for growth are the keys to economic mobility and recovery of regions where there have been under investments. I am confident the KCCD’s HRTP proposal will ensure this happens across the region while engaging workers, employers, unions, and more along the way.

California Community Colleges are key assets and anchors of the communities in which they serve. I firmly believe that community colleges are uniquely positioned to meet the evolving demands of our industry while ensuring our community has the skills and knowledge necessary to succeed and enter the path to high-wage jobs. With a reputation for entrepreneurial thinking and collaborative solutions-building, the KCCD is poised to lead the development of a comprehensive blueprint for Kern County.
I am proud to see the KCCD, one of California’s most forward-thinking community college districts, leading this important work.

Sincerely,

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