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Please accept the attached testimony.

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Dr. Greg Hamann
President
Linn Benton Community College
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RE: Advanced Manufacturing Program Enhancements

Dear Dr. Hamann:

The National Coalition of Certification Centers (NC3) is proud to support and endorse Linn Benton Community College regarding its efforts to expand and upgrade its facilities for critical career / technical programs in Advanced Manufacturing including mechatronics, machine tool fabrication, and welding.

As a national leader in the development and implementation of industry-recognized skills certifications with over five dozen certifications offered at more than 500 secondary and post-secondary educational institutions across the nation, NC3 is fully aware of the need for modern training to meet the critical employment needs of industry while providing career pathways and economic advancement for students and economic advancement for the local community. LBCC's plans to enhance its Advanced Manufacturing programs could not be more important for this critical and rapidly evolving industry.

In support of LBCC's efforts to achieve its vision for Advanced Manufacturing training, NC3 is committed to working with the college by providing industry-recognized certifications and facilitating strategic partnership with local and global manufacturing leaders.

We whole-heartedly support and look forward to learning of a favorable outcome of the college's request for \$7.5M in state matching funds to achieve its planned program enhancements.

If there are any questions about NC3's support, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director, NC3

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