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To Whom It May Concern:

The University of North Carolina (UNC) is a multi-campus university dedicated to delivering the highest level of education through world-class teaching, research and scholarship, and outreach and service. The oldest public university in the nation, UNC traces its roots to the state's 1776 constitution.

In my role I coordinate University-wide efforts to internationalize campuses and affiliated organizations, to increase community service work, and to collaborate with economic development organizations and businesses in strengthening the state's economy. I also work with the University's research and sponsored programs to bolster technology transfer efforts.

I wish to join with other organizations to express my support for a new international and economic development resource in our state. The Appalachian EB-5 Regional Center (EB-5 Center) headquartered in Asheville, NC will attract foreign direct investment from high net worth individuals in support of quality job creation projects.

The EB-5 Center's CEO Dale Carroll and I have collaborated on economic development for over 20 years. Examples include his support, as the CEO of a regional EDC, AdvantageWest, for my work on the NC Rural Prosperity Task Force and his participation as COO / Deputy Commerce Secretary with the UNC Economic Transformation Council that I lead. Dale is highly regarded as a veteran economic development leader all across NC and has earned my complete respect. I have worked with Pam Lewis on several projects, including projects focused on economic development and student entrepreneurship.

Today, more than 220,000 students, including 9,364 international students are enrolled at UNC on 16 university campuses across the state and at the NC School of Science and Mathematics, the country's first public, residential high school for gifted students. We look forward to working closely with CEO Carroll in his new role with the Appalachian EB-5 Regional Center.

Sincerely,

Leslie Boney