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Mr. Keith Brothers, President
New London Building and Construction Trades Council
268 Thomas Road
Groton, CT 06340

Dear Mr. Brothers:

Construction on the new Killingly High School and Regional Vocational-Agriculture Center is nearing completion. This letter is to recognize the efforts of the building and construction trade unions toward the achievement of the goals of employing local and Windham County residents on the new High School project as provided in the Project Labor Agreement (PLA) between the New London Building and Construction Trades Council and the Town of Killingly.

Measuring the goals for local and county employment was based on hours worked under each of the contracts executed between the trades contractors and their subcontractors and the Town. The specific goals were to have: (1) Killingly residents in the trades employed for 15% of the total hours of employment; (2) Windham County residents in the trades employed for 30% of the total hours of employment; (3) Windham County apprentices employed for 25% of the total apprentice hours.

The Town’s construction management firm for the project, Gilbane Building Company, has been monitoring on a weekly basis the total hours of employment by trades and crafts workers and by apprentices from the start of construction. Gilbane used the weekly certified payrolls submitted by the trades contractors to measure the Killingly resident, Windham County resident and Windham County apprentice employment. The recent reports of hours worked show Killingly residents have been employed for 15% of the total hours of work; Windham County residents have been employed for 35% of the total hours of work and Windham County apprentices have been employed for 61% of the total apprentice hours of work. At this time, there have been a total of 387,960 hours worked with Killingly residents working 56,016 of those hours and Windham County residents working 134,860 of those hours. There have been a total of 35,381 apprentice hours worked with Windham County apprentices working 21,449 of those hours. Clearly, the payrolls earned by local and regional trades and crafts workers on this project have been significant and have provided an important boost to the local and
regional economies. This impact has been especially important during the difficult economic circumstances of the past two years.

The Killingly Town Council actively encouraged and supported the PLA for the High School project. The members of the Town Council have received a weekly report on local and Windham County employment on the project and have often discussed the progress in achieving the local employment goals. Trade union representatives have addressed the Town Council on their sense of success with the local employment goals. The conclusion must be that the local employment goals have been a win-win situation.

Please feel free to contact me regarding any questions you may have regarding the new Killingly High School project.

Cordially,

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Town Manager

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