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Dear MIACTE Membership,

I am writing to express my interest in serving as a member of the Michigan Association for Career and Technical Education (MIACTE) Board. With over two decades of experience in education and nearly a decade of leadership in Career and Technical Education (CTE) at the regional and state levels, I am committed to advancing high-quality CTE opportunities that prepare Michigan's students for success in both college and careers.

As CEPD 33 Administrator and Region 12 Perkins Grant Coordinator for Ottawa Area ISD, I oversee CTE programming that reaches more than 3,100 students annually across seven local districts, along with the Ottawa Area Early College program serving over 150 students each year. My role requires deep collaboration with administrators, teachers, counselors, post-secondary partners, and business leaders to ensure compliance, equity, and innovation in program delivery. I have led the development of regional improvement plans, coordinated large-scale professional development, and implemented initiatives such as the Manufacturing and Engineering Education Reimagined for All (MEERA) program to strengthen the talent pipeline in advanced manufacturing.

My statewide engagement has included active participation in OCTE committees and referent groups, such as the Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment, the Michigan Career Education Conference Planning Committee, the CTEIS Data System Procurement process, and Michigan's CTE cost-of-education study. These experiences have given me a comprehensive understanding of policy, program evaluation, and the importance of fostering statewide collaboration to meet the evolving needs of students and educators.

I believe that serving on the MIACTE Board would allow me to leverage my experience, relationships, and strategic vision to help guide statewide initiatives, elevate professional learning, and expand meaningful CTE opportunities. I am passionate about aligning education with Michigan's workforce needs while ensuring that every student has access to rigorous, relevant, and future-focused learning pathways. Thank you for considering my candidacy. I look forward to the opportunity to contribute to the mission of MIACTE and to collaborate with fellow CTE leaders in shaping the future of Career and Technical Education in Michigan.

Sincerely,

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