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Brian Gordon-Director  
Three Rivers Education for Employment System  
1215 Houbolt Road  
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Dear Mr. Gordon;

My name is Michael Coticchio and I am the president of AWI Chicago. I am writing this letter, on behalf of our board, in support of Mark Smith's industrial technology program at Reed-Custer High School 249 Comet Drive, Braidwood, IL 60408. I have known about Mark and his program for 4 years.

Mark's industrial Technology program is important to our millwork industry. Trade jobs are almost a forgotten opportunity with high school students. Programs like Mark's are essential to our existence and future. Our board consists of manufacturers, suppliers, and design professionals. Mark has brought his students to our events to familiarize them, have them interact with our professionals and showcase their accomplishments. Our chapter has proudly provided scholarship money to Mark's program to help further his student's education and opportunities.

Thank you for taking the time to understand my perspective about the Reed-Custer High School's industrial technology program. I think the program is essential and beneficial for our nation's youth and the health of the millwork industry.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "mcl", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Thank You,

Michael Coticchio