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Ms. Kelchner  
State Fair Community College  
3201 W. 16<sup>th</sup> Street  
Sedalia, MO 65301

Dear Ms. Kelchner,

Duke Manufacturing would like to offer our support for the April 4 bond issue to provide a new technical education facility and renovate the existing Fielding Technical Center. This project will enhance and provided expanded training space for the programs you offer in the skilled and technical trades. Many of our current employees attended State Fair Community College and we expect many more employees and their families will benefit from your skilled technical training in the coming years.

The programs benefiting from this project prepare graduates with the type of skills that we need at Duke today and into the future. Engineering Design (formerly CAD), Industrial Maintenance, Precision Machining, and Welding all apply to our business needs. Additionally, the potential new HVAC/advanced environmental systems program can potentially provide the skills needed to build the cooking, holding and refrigeration equipment that we produce in our Sedalia plant and ship around the world.

I also want to thank the Community College for proactively reaching out and supporting the needs of manufacturing. This bond issue and the resulting new and expanded programs, demonstrate that the Community College recognizes how important solid businesses and manufacturers are to Pettis County and the surrounding communities. Their past and on-going efforts to develop a skilled, local workforce have helped create a vibrant economy and meaningful jobs for area residents.

We have been part of Sedalia for many years and not only do our employees consider it home, but we see Sedalia as our home. We appreciate what the Community College does to educate and develop talent in the community. We now are honored to lend our support to State Fair Community College on this bond issue.

Sincerely,

Jack Hake  
Owner and Chief Executive Officer  
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