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Directors Cantu and Stokes:

The Executive Board and Conference Committee of the Michigan Occupational Special Populations Association (MOSPA) would like to extend our sincerest appreciation for the grant funds provided in support of our 2017 State conference held May 2-5. Your continued support of MOSPA allows us to bring high quality and relevant professional development training to occupational educators throughout the State at a reasonable cost. In 1975, MOSPA began as a mechanism to improve professional development opportunities for career and technical educators in support of improving the success of career and technical special population students.

Our purpose remains relevant in today's shifting educational landscape and our ever-changing economy. We continue to be the only organization in the State that strives to inform participants of the requirements of the Perkins legislation at both the secondary and post-secondary levels while assisting in the implementation of programs that support special population students' success in the classroom and the workforce. Our organization assists in the development of strategic partnerships in an effort to provide well-trained graduates ready to meet the needs of today's businesses. The relationships developed through active participation in MOSPA result in innovative and collaborative partnerships between individuals, educational institutions and business that not only benefit those directly involved, but the State of Michigan.

Throughout the past several years, our membership has seen a significant reduction in available dollars that enable them to participate in professional development on a meaningful level. The financial contributions and support of the Michigan Talent Investment Agency and the Michigan Department of Education has enabled MOSPA to keep conference costs reasonable allowing us to reach educators across the State that otherwise would not be able to attend.

On behalf of career and technical educators and students across the State, thank you for your continued support of MOSPA.

Sincerely,

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