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Honorable Steven Glazer
Chair, Senate Committee on Business, Professions, and Economic Development
State Capitol, Room 2053
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1457 (Cervantes and Reyes) – SUPPORT

Dear Chair Glazer:

The City of Mission Viejo has reviewed AB 1457 and is pleased to support this measure.

AB 1457 establishes a pilot project to create a regional business training center network through a partnership with the California Community Colleges, the Employment Training Panel, the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development and the Labor and Workforce Development Agency. This network of the regional business training centers will support the upskilling of the regional workforce to meet the demand for jobs in essential industry sectors during the COVID-19 pandemic and in the emerging and dominant industry sectors in the post COVID-19 economy.

The City of Mission Viejo is home to more than 2,000 private businesses, employing a local workforce of over 22,000 individuals. The City therefore fully supports efforts to improve workforce training and educational programs, providing economic opportunity for the individual that benefits the region's overall economic vitality. The City of Mission Viejo has partnered on multiple occasions with the City's business community, through the City's Chamber of Commerce, and the educational community, including two school districts located in the City, and Saddleback Community College located in the City. Partnership efforts have included career mentoring for students and internship programs with some Mission Viejo businesses. City staff and Saddleback College administrators have worked closely on various STEM career development concepts, including ongoing efforts to establish a business incubator in the City, providing an environment to train individuals and support new start-up businesses. AB 1457 could provide similar types of training opportunities in the local region, and the City of Mission Viejo fully supports the measure.

Questions regarding this letter and our support may be addressed to Larry Longenecker, Planning and Economic Development Manager at 949-470-3024 or llongenecker@cityofmissionviejo.org.

Sincerely,

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