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Alderman Khalif Rainey  
City of Milwaukee Common Council  
District 7  
200 E. Wells St., Room 205  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

RE: Employ Milwaukee Commercial Driver's License Training Initiatives

Dear Alderman Rainey

I am writing to provide an overview of Employ Milwaukee's initiatives related to providing skilled and credentialed Commercial Driver's License workers.

### **Training Resources for Milwaukee Residents**

As the certified Workforce Development Board serving Milwaukee County, Employ Milwaukee funds training for individuals in high growth, high demand industry sectors, including transportation. CDL training is one of Employ Milwaukee's top trainings in terms of dollars spent and individuals served. Since 7/1/21, we have trained over 84 job seekers using over \$434, 135 in our training funds. The training providers and resources are available; however, the tight labor market is making it difficult to find trainees. Employ Milwaukee continues to develop innovations including providing stipends during training, incentives, and robust supportive services.

### **Transportation Industry Advisory Board**

Employ Milwaukee has established an Industry Advisory Board (IAB) operating model around key industry sectors and occupations. Employer and industry representatives drive the alignment of Employ Milwaukee's talent sourcing and skill development strategies to respond to current workforce and labor market needs. Existing IABs include employers and business representatives from Construction, Hospitality, Healthcare, Financial Services, Manufacturing, Information Technology, and Transportation/Distribution/Logistics (TDL) sectors. The TDL Industry Advisory Board has been active in communicating industry needs around CDL trained workers, provide opportunities for direct hire of credentialed workers, and provide a review panel for new or customized training.

### **Collaboration with City DPW**

Employ Milwaukee is communicating and collaborating with the City Human Resources Department and Department of Public Works (DPW) often to identify talent needs, host hiring events, and discuss innovative ways to fill job openings. Employ Milwaukee recently partnered with DPW and the Environmental Collaboration Office on a US EDA Good Jobs Challenge to provide grant resources to solve talent needs. The teams are currently collaborating on a WEDC Workforce Innovation Grant application.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at 414-270-1783.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chytania Brown".

Chytania Brown  
President and CEO

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