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To Type A Board:

On behalf of Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi, I respectfully request continued funding of the Job Development Internship Program. For over ten years, this program has made an incredible impact on the student interns and small businesses in our community. It would be a tremendous benefit to both the University and the city of Corpus Christi to continue this important program.

The primary goal of the program is to provide support to businesses in Corpus Christi. With the funding provided by the Type A Board, we have been able to achieve this goal over the past decade. Companies have grown and added positions, which in turn, adds to the workforce of Corpus Christi. Internship positions have turned into fulltime jobs, allowing the city to retain their talent. Last year participating businesses reported adding 12 new positions into their organizations, 6 full-time and 6 part-time. Over the past decade over 300 businesses have participated in the program, many returning year after year and almost 1000 interns have had opportunities to make an impact in Corpus Christi. This past year 32 different businesses across Corpus Christi hosted 89 interns.

As you make decisions about future funding, please consider continuing this important program. Its outcomes have contributed to the goals of the community and will continue to do so as long as funding is available.

Sincerely,

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