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Dr. Thomas Kazee, President University of Evansville 1800 Lincoln Avenue Evansville, Indiana 47722

Dear Dr. Kazee:

I appreciate and support your efforts to focus on increasing the number of college graduates who live and work in Indiana. As an IT consulting firm, we have definitely felt the movement toward a "buyer's market" among professionals working in technology fields. Attracting and retaining those professionals, creating a better recruiting and workforce pool for Indiana-based firms, is of critical importance.

I agree with your strategy of expanding the number of paid internships with Indiana-based employers as a direct way to help connect UE graduates with the Indiana business community. My personal internship many years ago provided much needed insight into the working world for an inexperienced young student. In many cases these pre-graduate work relationships provide exposure and a better fit for post-graduate employment success — a "win-win" for employers and students.

We appreciate the work University of Evansville is doing to equip students to prosper in the marketplace!

Sincerely,

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