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Attention: Tim Moloney

The Northumberland Manufactures' Association is a not for profit association representing over 90 manufactures and industry supporters from across Northumberland for the past 15 years.

As much as we are an advocate and leader in our industry, we also depend on partnerships with our school boards and families to ensure the future of our industry and its skilled people continue to thrive.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and members of the NMA, I would like to offer our full support and endorsement of the Skills Catalyst Grant submitted for your review. While it can be very challenging for manufactures to engage and educate our youth we view the Skills Catalyst Grant as a motivator for employers to significantly increase engagement with high schools and provide industry relevant work experience for students. The grant idea is an out of the box, partner driven solution and we're excited to partake.

If the grant is approved, we would be more than happy to call upon our 90 member companies to support this opportunity.

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