TERRE HAUTE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Indiana's business success and economic strength depend on a skilled, adaptable workforce — one ready to meet the needs of employers in healthcare, technology, advanced manufacturing, and logistics.

Few institutions have done more to develop Indiana's workforce pipeline than Ivy Tech Community College. Across West Central Indiana, Ivy Tech serves as a launchpad for careers, a trusted partner for businesses, and a driver of regional growth.

Now, the Indiana General Assembly faces a critical decision: whether to fund Ivy Tech Terre Haute's $67 million capital project — an investment that will modernize facilities, expand high-demand programs, and strengthen Indiana's workforce pipeline.

Ivy Tech is more than just a college — it's a lifeline for working families, a trusted partner for businesses, and a catalyst for regional prosperity. I've spoken with employers who rely on Ivy Tech graduates to fill critical positions, and I've met students who have used their education to build better lives. The statistics reinforce what we already know: Since 2019, Ivy Tech Terre Haute has experienced a **16% increase in enrollment** and an impressive **24% increase in program completions**. Even more compelling, **59% of Ivy Tech graduates earn above Indiana's median wage**. These are not just numbers — they represent real people, real jobs, and real economic progress.

The proposed transformation of Ivy Tech's main campus is not just an upgrade — it's a game-changer. This project will create a cutting-edge learning environment, designed to meet the demands of modern industry. A key component includes expanding and relocating the nursing and health sciences programs, ensuring Ivy Tech remains a leader in training healthcare professionals — one of the fastest-growing sectors in Indiana. A new centralized student services hub will streamline academic and career support, giving students a clearer pathway to success. Infrastructure improvements will enhance safety, efficiency, and sustainability. This is more than bricks and mortar; it's a strategic investment in a workforce that will drive West Central Indiana forward for generations.

The impact of this project reaches far beyond Ivy Tech's campus**.** A stronger Ivy Tech means a stronger Indiana — more jobs, a highly skilled workforce, and a business environment that can compete in an evolving economy. Companies across industries

rely on Ivy Tech to develop talent, and communities across the state depend on it to create pathways to economic opportunity. Failing to invest in this expansion would mean losing ground at a time when Indiana must be advancing its workforce and strengthening its position as a leader in business growth and innovation.

The Terre Haute Chamber of Commerce has long championed workforce development, and we stand firmly behind Ivy Tech in this crucial moment. We urge business leaders, community partners, and local stakeholders to rally behind this transformational project and make it a reality. The future of our economy depends on bold decisions today. Investing in Ivy Tech is not just about education — it's about economic resilience, business success, and a thriving Terre Haute.

Now is the time to act. Let's secure Indiana's workforce pipeline, support businesses, and invest in a thriving economic future.

Sincerely,



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