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RE: Letter of Support – NYSERDA Workforce Development Grant Applications (PON 5437 and PON 5357)

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the City of Elmira, I am writing to express my full support for Prep4Work.com and Reify Energy' applications to the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) for funding under the following initiatives:

- PON 5437: Apprenticeship and Pre-Apprenticeship Clean Energy Training
- PON 5357: Building Operations and Maintenance Training

These applications represent a critical component of Elmira's clean energy development strategy, ensuring that the residents of our city are not only the beneficiaries of renewable energy infrastructure but also the builders, operators, and maintainers of this future-forward economy.

The proposed workforce development program will deliver two cohorts of 25 participants each, offering solar PV installation training, building maintenance, and clean energy operations instruction. Participants will be eligible for professional certifications, as well as internships, apprenticeships, and job placements upon completion.

This initiative aligns with the City of Elmira's goals of:

- Expanding equitable access to living wage employment
- Strengthening the local workforce pipeline in emerging green sectors
- Advancing economic development through public-private partnerships

The collaboration between Prep4Work.com and Reify Energy and the City of Elmira marks an important step forward in our shared commitment to sustainability, inclusion, and job creation. I am confident this program will serve as a model of innovation and community uplift for small cities across New York State.

Please accept this letter as an enthusiastic endorsement and commitment of support from my office. We look forward to working with NYSERDA and Reify Energy to bring this impactful training program to life for the residents of Elmira.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Mandell, Jr.
Mayor