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Ms. Mary Ann O'Connor
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Dear Ms. O'Connor:

It has recently come to my attention that the member companies of the Niagara Frontier Section of the Instrumentation, Systems and Automation Society (ISA Niagara) have received a grant from the Empire State Economic Development Fund to help train workers in new technologies.

It is my pleasure to support applications for funding to businesses in my district. I hope this grant from the NYS Urban Development Corporation will help your member companies improve competitiveness in their respective industries. This is a challenging time for technology based companies and state-of-the-art training of our workforce benefits our entire state.

Again, my congratulations to ISA Niagara. If you or any of your members require assistance regarding this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Very truly yours,


MARY LOU RATH
State Senator

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