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RE: Rural Vitality Center | Future Service Leaders Foundation

I am pleased to write a letter of support for the Rural Vitality Center Project with the Future Service Leaders Foundation. The concept for rural communities and their residents to convene by way of a 350-acre agriculture campus is innovative in that it allows participants to collaborate and address regional agricultural, leadership, and entrepreneurship challenges. The opportunities the Rural Vitality Center will provide will be valuable to regional administrators, teachers, and staff to receive professional development to better serve students.

The Rural Vitality Center provides Flint Hills Technical College leadership the ability to collaborate with regional partners and grow programs of interest as well as develop short-term programs to support regional economic development needs that integrate with rural needs, such as short-term training bootcamps, summer youth technical programming, and facilities for delivery of some credit-based courses. Flint Hills Technical College sees potential and opportunity through this facility to more easily reach the northern tier of our service district and ensure those families have access to some opportunities within our higher education programming.

This new venue will support regional rural communities as they prepare for the future of agriculture, education, and technology. The data the Center will provide the College will allow FHTC to serve the higher education needs of these communities. As youth visit the Rural Vitality Center and discover passions through experiential learning, FHTC's programs develop those experiential learning opportunities further through its own commitment to relevant, applicable, and hands-on learning.

Flint Hills Technical College acknowledges the value of the Rural Vitality Center and the diverse ways our organizations can collaborate on the educational and workforce needs of our region.

Sincerely,



Dr. Caron Daugherty, President

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