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To Whom It May Concern,

Prior to joining Lake Washington Institute of Technology I was the Executive Director of the American Electronics Association-Washington Council (later TechAmerica – Washington Council) from 1986 until 2009.

Dennis Brewer was a very active member of the Association from about 1996 through 2002. During those years he was a member of the Government Affairs Committee, Chaired the Education Committee, and served on the Executive Committee. About 1999 he was elected by the 200 member CEOs of the Washington Council to serve as Vice Chair of the Washington Council, and member of the AeA national Board of Directors. The following year he was elected Chair of the Washington Council and member of the national Board of Directors.

While Chair of the Education Committee, Dennis lead a research project on higher education in Washington State and was the primary author of the group's report. That report was cited by numerous lawmakers, and then Governor Gary Locke. It was instrumental in getting legislative and gubernatorial support for an Institute of Technology at the University of Washington-Tacoma.

During his tenure as Vice Chair and Chair of the Washington Council, Dennis was a regularly invited to represent the technology industry in Washington State as a featured speaker or panelist at conferences.

Please let me know if I can provide you with additional information.

Sincerely,

**Terry Byington** 

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