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GOVERNOR**

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Forsyth Technical Community College
2100 Silas Creek Parkway
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Dear Friends,

Let me offer my congratulations to Forsyth Technical Community College on this 65th Anniversary Sapphire Gala! I applaud Forsyth Tech's contributions to this community and this state to date, and I am excited about the many contributions that are to come. It was a pleasure to join Dr. Janet Spriggs and other leaders in March to announce the creation of my Council on Workforce and Apprenticeships and to visit your Transportation Technology Center.

I also offer my congratulations on the launch of the Future-Ready Workforce Alliance! This exciting new initiative will equip people with the skills they need to thrive in today's economy while strengthening the talent pipeline for employers across Forsyth and Stokes counties and beyond.

The Future-Ready Workforce Alliance is a result of a collaborative effort among education, business, and community partners to address the shortage of skilled workers in the region. Too many adults face barriers to higher-wage employment due to a lack of credentials or training; at the same time, companies need skilled workers. The Alliance will address this shortage by offering fast, targeted training programs in key industries, including health sciences, transportation and logistics, advanced manufacturing, and technology.

I want to thank Reynolds American for playing a critical role in bringing this initiative to life. I am grateful for its investment in the people and future of North Carolina. Thank you also to Dr. Spriggs and the team at Forsyth Tech for creating this wonderful opportunity for workers and employers alike – and for 65 years of transforming lives through education and opportunity.

I look forward to seeing the area's workforce thrive with these new education, training, and career opportunities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Josh Stein". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Josh" and last name "Stein" clearly legible.

Josh Stein
Governor