March 4, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of the charter application for the Excel Center- Elkhart submitted by Goodwill LEADS, Inc. I support the Excel Center's objective to provide adults the opportunity and support to earn a high school diploma and pursue post-secondary education while developing career paths that offer greater employment and career growth opportunities.

As a member of the Elkhart community, Ivy Tech's South Bend-Elkhart campus plans to promote the program and recruit students in support of this application. This program aligns perfectly with our mission of helping to improve the work force readiness of Indiana residents.

We recognize the importance of working together as a community to provide pathways for all residents to maximize economic opportunity through education and training. We support Goodwill in providing unique education services to individuals who didn't graduate high school, removing barriers and creating a lasting impact on families, businesses, and the communities we serve.

Our agency will continue to offer available resources to ensure the success of an Excel Center in Elkhart.

Your consideration of this charter application is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,

David Balkin, Ph.D.
Chancellor