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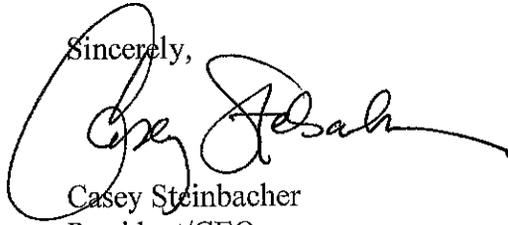
Dear Kevin:

Thank you for the opportunity to nominate members to the Durham Workforce Development Board. The Chamber would like to recommend Kara Taff, Vice President, Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina (BCBSNC), for appointment to the Durham Workforce Development Board.

We believe that Ms. Taff will be a tremendous asset to the Durham Workforce Development Board and will serve a vital role because of her influential role as a Vice-President of Business Transformation with BCBSNC. This role allows her to help impact change with regard to the recruitment of customer service professionals, as well as healthcare policy that relate to personnel on-boarding and skill upgrades. Ms. Taff has strong leadership and management experience that will be relevant to being an effective member on the Durham Workforce Development Board and moving forth the goals and objects of the DWDB Strategic Plan for 2012-2014.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Casey Steinbacher
President/CEO

March 4, 2013

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Dear Kevin:

Thank you for the opportunity to nominate members to the Durham Workforce Development Board. The Chamber would like to recommend Wade Smedley with Merck & Co., Inc. for appointment to the Workforce Development Board. With 20 years of Human Resources experience, we believe that Mr. Smedley would be a tremendous asset to the Durham Workforce Development Board. Mr. Smedley will bring key insight on techniques and best practices on workforce development and has a comprehensive perspective of private industry that will help the board accomplish its goals and objectives delineated within the 2012-2014 DWDB Strategic Plan.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Casey Steinbacher
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