



May 22, 2019

Senator Matt Dolan, Chairman  
Ohio Senate Finance Committee  
Senate Building  
1 Capitol Square, 1st Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215

**Re: HB166: In Support of Workforce Development Revolving Loan Fund  
College & University Eligibility Restoration**

Chairman Dolan:

On behalf of Shawnee State University, I want to express the value that the Workforce Development Revolving Loan Fund (Fund 5NHO) has for our students and our disappointment in learning that the House-passed version of the budget has removed \$10 million from the fund.

In October 2017, the State of Ohio and the Ohio Department of Education approved Shawnee State as an eligible institution in the OhioMeansJobs Workforce Revolving Loan Program for both our Emergency Medical Technician and Associate Degree in Nursing programs. We were awarded a total of \$450,000 to provide opportunities for students to acquire critical education and training in order to advance their careers.

Since that time, this program has assisted nine students for a total of nearly \$80,000, and we just extended the agreement this week to continue to provide this avenue of payment.

We understand that the legislation also calls for funding distribution of the \$10 million to community colleges, technical colleges, and Ohio Technical Centers. If this option is exercised, we are concerned that four-year universities are being excluded from this list as we also have several programs in place to prepare our students for in-demand careers, including several two-year programs.

Our hope is that you will not remove \$10 million from the Workforce Development Revolving Loan Fund (Fund 5NHO), but if this does happen, we would request that four-year universities be included in the fund distribution to assist with our workforce training.

Thank you sincerely for your consideration.

Respectfully,  
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