



Dr. Heather Belmont
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Dear Dr. Belmont,

I am writing on behalf of the Business Development Board of Martin County in support of Indian River State College's respective credentials in the areas of Medical Services, Emergency Medical Technician and Paramedic programs.

The Business Development Board of Martin County has partnered with Indian River State College to support economic and workforce development within Florida's Treasure Coast and Okeechobee communities. Successful recruitment and expansion of business requires an ecosystem of support, from strong educational systems to proficiency of infrastructure; this all includes professionals in the aforementioned areas. While opportunities in the Medical Services, EMT and Paramedic fields have currently fluctuated downward, the demand for an able workforce in these fields has been consistent over many years, and the need is expected to grow as our area grows.

Our organization fully supports these foundational programs, and we encourage the full support of Indian River State College in their efforts to maintain Emergency Medical Services, Emergency Medical Technician and Paramedic programs. Economic development will always be more successful with ample professionals in peripheral areas that support the growth of manufacturing, technology, aerospace, and more.

Thank you for your continued support of these Indian River State College programs, and we look forward to working together to ensure a better State of Florida.

Sincerely,

William T. Corbin
Executive Director