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Association of Career & Technical
Administrators

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Dear Appropriations Chairmen,

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Association of Career and Technical Administrators (PACTA), comprised of the administrative staff of career and technical schools as well as the career and technical directors of school districts with large career and technical education programs, I am writing to express our organization's requests regarding the 2019-2020 state budget. PACTA's main goal is to promote and increase the quality and availability of career and technical education (CTE) throughout the Commonwealth. The mission of PACTA is to promote excellence in career and technical education through leadership, advocacy and service. 100% of career and technical schools in the state belong to PACTA. Our members serve both secondary and adult students.

PACTA is excited that Career and Technical Education is being championed by many Legislators and the Governor. In the Governor's 2019 Budget Address Governor Wolf proposed a \$10 million PAsmart grant to help career and technical education better serve the students of Pennsylvania. Governor Wolf has indicated that he believes that the \$10 million dollars from the PAsmart grant should be put into the line item budget for career and technical education.

While, PACTA is extremely grateful for the \$10 million grant, we would like to suggest an alternative placement of the PAsmart grant that would better serve the students of Pennsylvania. Many of the career and technical schools and programs throughout Pennsylvania are in desperate need of equipment to properly instruct their students. In addition, many schools need money that they can utilize at a more individual level for specific projects that will increase the quality of education.

PACTA is asking that \$10 million of the increase in the CTE line be distributed in a manner to benefit all students in career and technical education. PACTA would like to see the funds allocated through funding formulas that benefit all career education students and schools as well as local employers that hire those students. **The best use of an additional \$10 million would be \$4 million be allocated through the formula-driven Career and Technical Education Equipment Grant line and \$6 million be appropriated through the Career and Technical Education subsidy.** We strongly believe this better serve the needs of Pennsylvania students and economy.

Thank you for consideration of our request.

Respectfully,

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