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Mr. Daniel M. Hull, President
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Dear Mr. Hull:

Camden County College is pleased to support the CORD Science and Technological Education in Photonics (STEP) II project, which is being submitted to the National Science Foundation. As part of its mission, the College embraces its role as an educational leader and strives to shape its programs and services to respond to changing student and societal needs, including the advancement of technology and the preparation of high-tech workers.

Our Photonics Program is highly successful, recognized nationally, and has a distinguished 25-year history of providing photonics instruction. Hundreds of technicians have received training in the College's state-of-the-art facility. The Laser Institute of Technology for Education and Research (LITER) building was constructed in 1990 and provides an excellent teaching/learning environment, which includes classrooms, laboratories, and practice rooms. In recognition of the Photonics Program's regional and national prominence, the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education awarded the College a prestigious High Technology Workforce Excellence Grant in July 2001 to address the demand for more skilled photonics/fiber optics technicians.

Dr. Fred Seeber enthusiastically supports the STEP II project. In 1995, Dr. Seeber participated in the development of the CORD's *National Photonics Skills Standards for Technicians* publication. He looks forward to serving as the STEP II project CO-PI for Community Colleges, contributing to the revision and enhancement of the publication as well as the development of a new textbook, *Fundamentals of Photonics*, and coordinating community college faculty professional development.

We look forward to working with CORD and are committed to the STEP II Project that is being submitted to the National Science Foundation.

Sincerely,

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