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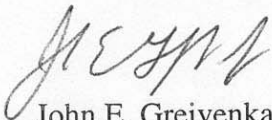
Dear Mr. Hull:

I am pleased and excited about participating as a member of Technical/Industrial Working Committee of the STEP II Project. It is clear that the long-term growth of the optics and photonics industry in the US depends on having a steady and sufficient stream of trained individuals available in the workforce. While much has been done to address this need for the BS/MS/PhD engineer or scientist, the formal training of the technician level worker at the AA/AAS level has lagged. I see the Science and Technology Education Training in Photonics Program as a key piece of the puzzle.

I look forward to participating in this program in any way I can whether it be reviewing and critiquing the program materials, representing and promoting the project at conferences or meeting, or simply providing advice on course content.

As an educator, nothing is more important to me than enabling people to reach their full potential. The STEP Program will reach out to many individuals at the local level and allow them to become productive participants in the growing field of optics and photonics. The benefits to the individuals, the local communities and the industry are clear.

Sincerely,



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