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To Whom it May Concern,

As the Executive Director for the Brownfield Coalition of the Northeast (BCONE), the Licensed Site Remediation Professionals Association (LSRPA) and the New York City Brownfield Partnership (NYCBP), I write to enthusiastically endorse on their behalf the movement of the CCNY 2023-2028 Brownfields Job Training Program from work in the Bronx to a focused attention on Harlem populations and sites. This move is synergistic with CCNY's build out of the assets and programs for the new Charles B. Rangel Infrastructure Workforce Initiative (RIWI), designed to prepare a generation of underserved and underemployed workers for the impending boom in infrastructure development.

CCNY formally launched RIWI in April of 2022 as a program to train members of underserved and underrepresented communities in the skills and professions of the new infrastructure—that is, an infrastructure that will be significantly more dependent on digital and artificial intelligence than current infrastructure. The RIWI will be training students in infrastructure across six different domains, including transportation, water, food and distributed energy, with a strong emphasis on environmental sustainability. In this sense, the Brownfields Job Training Program fits perfectly into the RIWI portfolio and would benefit from the organizational and administrative assets of the RIWI.

RIWI, in turn, would benefit from the momentum and focus of the Brownfields program. The Brownfield emphasis on hands on training mirrors the core elements of the RIWI as well, with students deployed to job sites to augment their laboratory and classroom training. BCONE, LSRPA, and NYCBP are comprised of the leading environmental consulting and contracting firms in the New York City Metropolitan Area and many of our members also work on infrastructure projects across the six domains identified above.

BCONE, LSRPA and the NYCBP are committed to working with the Brownfield Job Training Program by sending our members to the Program's job fairs after each graduation cohort. We are also interested in providing field experience and mentoring through invitation of the Brownfields Job Training Program students to Aspiring Professionals events at contractor sites. Moving the Program into the RIWI orbit would mean that the area of focus would change slightly, because the initial impact area of RIWI-affiliated programs is the greater Harlem area, although as the program develops, we fully expect to impact communities that are further and further afield.

If you require further information on these three organizations, visit the websites:

<https://www.brownfieldcoalitionne.org/>

<https://www.lsrpa.org/>

<https://nycbrownfieldpartnership.org/>

BCONE, LSRPA, and the NYCBP are fully supportive of this move and endorse it without any reservation, whatsoever.

Sincerely,

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