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To Whom it may concern:

The Architectural Salvage Warehouse of Detroit is a nonprofit with a mission to rescue what we can of the regions historic building materials, and put them in the hands of those who can use them. We create training and jobs for those interested in learning the skills of deconstruction and reduce landfill use through recycling and reuse of salvaged building materials.

We have been training deconstruction techniques both in the classroom and on-the-job to the students of Southwest Solutions and Warm Training Center. We are pleased to report the attention and participation in the skill training by the students has been excellent.

The desire to learn new skills and the willingness to “roll up their sleeves and get into the work” was surprising. They were given tasks to deconstruct the interior of an historic building in Detroit (Newbury Hall) and to salvage the interior building components of the Sacred Heart convent in Dearborn, both demanding projects and they performed exceptionally well.

I believe that these individuals will be great assets as they move into our state’s workforce.

Sincerely,

Thomas Friesen  
Executive Director  
Architectural Salvage Warehouse of Detroit

*Working to preserve Detroit’s past while building a future for its citizens.  
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