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The Honorable Governor Bill Lee

State Capitol, 1st Floor

600 Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. Blvd.

Nashville, TN 37243

Dear Governor Lee,

[Introduce yourself].

I am writing to urge you to support the acquisition of Martin Methodist College to establish a University of Tennessee campus by funding it in the administration’s budget. As a business owner in [insert county/city], I know the importance of making high-quality education affordable. The four-year public higher education desert in southern Tennessee is alarming. With one of the lowest college-going rates in the state, we must find a way to offer more accessible educational programs for our southern Middle Tennessee families.

The initiative to make Marth Methodist College part of the University of Tennessee System will open tremendous opportunities for the citizens in my community and support our workforce development. It will address unmet labor needs in the region, producing more education, nursing, and business graduates. These graduates will be crucial to the long-term economic success of southern Middle Tennessee.

I hope you support this initiative to bring more higher educational opportunities to rural Tennessee. I am confident this partnership will be transformational for the southern Middle Tennessee region, but we can’t move forward without your help.

I greatly appreciate your passion for supporting economic development and education in Tennessee. Thank you for all you do for our state.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]