

## EXAMPLE OF AN EMPLOYER LETTER USED TO PETITION UNDER “EMPLOYER DEMAND”

*All bolded items should be changed to fit with the petitioned occupation(s) and region(s) as appropriate. Final letters should be submitted on company letterhead, or equivalent, and should include a contact name (printed and signed) as a closing signature.*

May 1, 2024

Center for Workforce Information & Analysis  
Attn: High Priority Occupations  
651 Boas Street, Room 220  
Harrisburg, PA 17121-0001

Dear CWIA Director:

As one of the many companies successfully doing business in the **NWPA Workforce Development Area**, we want to express our support to add the following occupations to the **NWPA WDA High Priority Occupations List**:

**Dental Assistants (31-9091)**  
**Dental Hygienists (29-2021)**

For each of the next three years, we estimate that we will have at least **XX** openings for qualified **Dental Assistants**, as well as **XX** openings for **Dental Hygienists**. The average annual wage we pay our **Dental Assistants** is **\$XX,XXX**, and the average annual wage we pay our **Dental Hygienists** is **\$XX,XXX**.

The demand for trained workers continues to grow in the **NWPA Workforce Development Area** and a pipeline of skilled workers needs to be established to address the changing workforce. We strongly support the addition of this occupation to our local High Priority Occupation List so state and federal funds can be expended in this occupation allowing schools to receive funds to support this program and to be eligible for grant funding opportunities.

If you have any questions, you may contact me at: