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Hello,

My name is Gabriel Bell and I am the Youth Transition Coordinator working with Dane County schools to assist students with disabilities. The Vocational Futures Planning and Support (VFPS) program works with students when they are in their final year of school (age 21 for people with developmental disabilities) to help connect with employers and long term supports.

Many of the students we work with have significant barriers to employment, and these businesses have worked with us develop meaningful employment opportunities. The space is also very accessible, and a welcoming and comfortable place for our clients.

I heard Garver is hoping to expand and am writing to express my support. The businesses inside Garver, and the events they hold there, have had a profoundly positive impact for our community.

Sincerely,

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