



June 23, 2020

Representative Bobby McCool  
702 Capital Ave., Annex Rm 413C  
Frankfort, KY 40601

Dear Representative McCool,

On behalf of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS), I would like to extend our support to the Welding Certification bill, formerly HB 306. It is my understanding that you will be filing that bill again during the General Assembly's 2021 legislative session.

In a review conducted by some of the KCTCS colleges' welding faculty, the bill appears to elevate welder certifications for those conducting welding on Kentucky's bridges and structures. Raising this standard of quality is certainly supported by our welding faculty.

KCTCS also appreciates that the bill would not require all colleges to become an ATF accredited welding facility, but rather would give them the option to do so. Currently, two KCTCS colleges, Elizabethtown Community and Technical College and West Kentucky Community and Technical College, are ATF certified facilities. If the bill passes, we are certain that many more of our colleges would become ATF testing centers in the near future.

If KCTCS can be of any further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or to KCTCS Chancellor, Dr. Kris Williams.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay K. Box".

Jay K. Box, Ed.D.  
President



**Dr. Jay K. Box**  
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