From: Carol Ann Desiderio
To: Morgan Hunte
Subject: Support in Favor of Paper 432-25 /Appointment of J. Donahue
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Dear Members of the Council,

I am writing to express my strong support for Mayor Gary Christenson's recommendation to appoint Jeffrey Donahue to the vacant seat on the Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School Committee. Given the unexpected nature of this opening and the importance of ensuring that Malden continues to be represented by an individual with the appropriate background and experience, I believe Mr. Donahue is an exceptionally well-qualified candidate for this appointment.

Mr. Donahue is a lifelong Malden resident and a former Ward 4 City Councillor whose long-standing service reflects a deep commitment to the community. His professional career in the trades, combined with his leadership within the union, provides him with substantial firsthand knowledge of the essential role vocational education plays in preparing students for meaningful, skill-based careers. His extensive experience offers a practical perspective that is directly aligned with the mission and needs of the Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School.

During his recent candidacy for the Malden School Committee, Mr. Donahue consistently articulated the importance of strengthening vocational pathways and ensuring that students who thrive in applied learning environments are fully supported. As Northeast Metro Tech prepares to open a new facility and expand enrollment, it is critical that Malden's representative possess both practical expertise and an informed understanding of the challenges and opportunities ahead.

Mr. Donahue's professional background, public service experience, and demonstrated commitment to vocational education make him a highly capable choice for this role. I respectfully urge the Council to support his appointment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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