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*Jose, Can You See?*

Dear Jose,

Last week I went to a meeting in Columbus, Ohio. The teachers and leaders at this meeting want to help many people learn English. We want to help ESOL students find good quality jobs. We want ESOL students to have good opportunities here in Ohio.

Because we all want to help you, many teachers and leaders in Ohio are now working together as part of a special group. This new group is called the *University System of Ohio*. It is a new group, so everyone is getting to know each other. It is very similar to when a new student starts in our class and everyone has to get comfortable with each other.

In the *University System of Ohio*, many groups will be working together. This means there will be many new opportunities for training and education. That is why it is important to keep coming to our class. The teachers here will give information about new classes, programs, and certificates available to you. I know you want to get some training as a welder. Your wife Maria wants to get some training in the medical field. We will have many more possibilities than ever in the past.

The teacher and leaders in this new system will be trying many new things in the near future. As your teacher, my goal is to give you good directions about how to use the system. But remember that I am learning many new things right now. Please be patient with me! I do not have all the answers right now. We will learn together how the *University System of Ohio* can help us.

So, Jose, can you see that we are trying very much to help you reach your goals? We want to see you succeed in the United States. We want to support you in being a responsible citizen - someone who is proud of his heritage, happy to be living here now, and excited about the opportunity in his future.

From your teacher, Heidi