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The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C 20515

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C 20510

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C 20510

Dear Speaker, Leader Schumer, Leader Jeffries, and Leader McConnell:

Thank you for your leadership as Congress considers legislation to fund federal workforce programs for the 2025 fiscal year. Federal workforce programs are critical to support businesses seeking skilled workers to fill existing and future job vacancies. They also help workers access training to secure jobs in high-demand fields, advance in their careers, and adapt to technological advancements.

Employers are already facing workforce challenges. Impending waves of retirements from older workers, competition for workers across industries, and inadequate access to worker supports like childcare will exacerbate the existing demand for workers. In order to address the immediate and long-term needs of businesses and workers, Congress must support robust investments in skills.

This is sound policy that also enjoys broad public support. According to recent polling, 82% of voters support increasing government funding for skills training in America. As you work together to agree to spending levels for the 2025 fiscal year, the undersigned businesses and associations urge you to support robust investments in workforce programs. We urge you to pass legislation that:

- **Funds federal workforce programs at robust funding levels.** Workforce programs are crucial for providing industry-aligned training and education and must be funded without reducing current levels.
- **Provides dedicated funding for industry or sector partnerships.** Partnerships are key strategies for tailoring training to employers' needs and providing workers with the necessary training and supportive services to complete programs and be successful on the job.





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- **Expands Pell Grants to high-quality short-term training programs.** Expansion of Pell Grants to include industry-driven short-term workforce training programs will allow workers to develop skills quickly, meeting employers' needs to fill current job openings and supporting workers' economic mobility and growth.

U.S. employers are committed to working with Congress to foster economic growth and ensure that workers have access to quality jobs. Federal workforce programs play a key role in this effort. The undersigned businesses and business associations urge you to secure and enhance funding for critical workforce programs for the 2025 fiscal year without cutting existing funding levels.

Sincerely,

Accurounds
Aeronautical Repair Station Association
AFC Tool Company
American Mold Builders Association
Arch Electric Inc.
Arizona Technology Council
Asbury Towers Health Care Center
Associated Equipment Distributors
Association of Marina Industries
ATCA Services Corporation
Barry County Chamber
Bishop-Wisecarver
Boston Centerless
Building Potential
The Business Council of New York State
CD Moody Construction
Centennial Bolt Inc.
Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii
Chino Valley Chamber of Commerce
Consumers Energy
Convergence Energy
Country Maid Inc.
Dallas Regional Chamber
Dayton Area Chamber
Detroit Region Aerotropolis Development Corporation
Detroit Regional Partnership
Diego and Son Printing
DMI Companies
DTE Energy
East Bay Economic Development Alliance
Ecobalance Technologies LLC
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Electronic Security Association
Enbridge
Evansville Regional Economic Partnership
Farovi Shipping Corp/Fla Stevedoring Inc
Franklin Medical Center
Fresno Business Council/San Joaquin Valley Manufacturers Association
Front Street Shipyard
Full Capacity Marketing Inc.
Georgia Power
Gilbane Building Company
Grand Rapids Chamber
Greater Louisville Inc
Greater Munising Bay Partnership/Alger Co. Chamber
Greater Phoenix Chamber
Greater Topeka Partnership
Hastings Fiber Glass Products, Inc.
Howard Companies
IEC Chesapeake
Indiana Chamber of Commerce
Interapt
Justin Construction
Journey Discover Center
Kawasaki Motors Manufacturing Corp. U.S.A.
Kingsport Chamber
Kiscaden Consulting LLC
Lancaster Chamber
Lansing Board of Water and Light
Las Vegas Mechanical
Longview Chamber
Los Angeles Area Chamber
Louisiana Association of Business and Industry
MACNY, The Manufacturers Association
Magna International Inc.
Manufacturers Association of Maine
Marine Retailers Association
MarineTec Management & Consulting Co.
Marlin Steel Wire Products
Marmen Energy
Mass General Brigham
Metrics Reporting
Metro Atlanta Chamber
MGM Resorts International
Michigan Energy Efficiency Contractors Association (MEECA)
Michigan Energy Workforce Development Consortium
Mid South Extrusion, Inc. - Monroe, LA





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Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance
Mills Machining Company
Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce
Nashville Area Chamber
National Roofing Contractors Association
National Tooling and Machining Association – Cleveland, OH
Nevada Contractors Association-AGC of LV
NexGen Interactive, LLC
Next Advance Inc.
Next Generation in Trucking Association
Noblesville Chamber of Commerce
North Shore Chamber of Commerce
Northeast Louisiana Physician Hospital Organization
Northern Kentucky Chamber
O'Neill Construction Group
Optimax Systems Inc.
Orange County Business Council
Origin Bank
Orlando Economic Partnership
Ouachita Public Works-Highway
Paramount Healthcare Consultants
Photovoltaic Sys.LLC
Precision Machined Products Association
Precision Metalforming Association
Progressive Foam Technologies
Proterra Inc
QED Systems Inc.
Richards Industrials
San Francisco Tech Council
Schwerdtle Inc.
Settlers Hospitality
Small Business for America's Future
Solar Energy Industry Association
Southern Company
Specialized Carriers & Rigging Foundation
State Business Executives
Terral RiverService, Inc.
Texas Association of Business
The Cianbro Companies
Thurston Chamber of Commerce
TINA'S Green Energy Solutions, LLC
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