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Dear Rep. Miller:

I was quite pleased to read the draft of the proposed WIA reauthorization bill that you and your staff have written.

I think your proposal include several major improvements over the current WIA system. Most importantly, it clearly seeks to create a workforce system that is responsive to labor market demand, with its focus on "in-demand" occupations and industries, its emphasis on labor market data, and its support for building industry partnerships and defining career pathways. Other improvements can be found in the proposed performance measures, funding for one-stop operations and emphasis on regional markets.

I strongly urge your colleagues in the House of Representatives and the Senate to give your proposal very serious consideration as they deliberate on the future of WIA and our workforce development system.

Best

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