



National Coalition For Literacy

Honorable George Miller
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Honorable John Tierney
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Committee on Education and the Workforce
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April 23, 2012

Dear Congressmen Miller, Tierney and Hinojosa:

The National Coalition for Literacy (NCL), a coalition of the nation's foremost adult education and literacy organizations, proudly supports HR 4227, the *Workforce Investment Act of 2012*. We commend all of you and your staff for the outstanding work accomplished to craft this comprehensive bill.

NCL is a member organization representing over 30 leading organizations committed to advancing adult education, family literacy, and English language acquisition in the U.S. by promoting effective public policy; increasing public awareness for the need to increase funding and programs; and serving as an authoritative resource for the field on national adult education issues. We are especially pleased to see many long-standing priorities in the bill that NCL and others in the adult education community have supported for some time, including:

- Aligning activities in Titles I and II for adult education students' benefit;
- Authorizing the appropriations of \$1,100,000,000 for Title II;
- Incorporating civics education for English language learners as a Title II core purpose;
- Codifying the English Language/Civics program;
- Reauthorizing the National Institute for Literacy as the "National Institute for Adult Education and Literacy";
- Integrating a focus on 21st century technology skills for adult education students and staff
- Requiring all states to have professional development programs for adult education staff and volunteers; and
- Including eligible providers in the receipt of technical assistance.

We continue to strongly advocate that WIA reauthorization remains a bipartisan effort, and we look forward to working with you as the reauthorization process moves forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martin Finsterbusch".

Martin Finsterbusch
President
National Coalition for Literacy

Cc: Congressman Phil Roe