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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 and Economic Development Alliance  
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  
Jostin 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)





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Michigan Energy Workforce Development Consortium  
Mid South Extrusion, Inc. - Monroe, LA  
Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance  
Mills Machining Company  
Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce  
Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce  
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 County Chamber of Commerce  
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Vail Valley Partnership  
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Weslaco Area Chamber of Commerce  
West Michigan Hispanic Chamber  
Wyoming Machine Inc  
Xcel Energy  
York County Economic Alliance

