



The Honorable Mike Johnson  
Speaker  
United States House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Charles E. Schumer  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
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The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries  
Minority Leader  
United States House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Minority Leader  
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December 9, 2024

Re: Reauthorization of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

Dear Speaker Johnson, Minority Leader Jeffries, Majority Leader Schumer, and Minority Leader McConnell,

We, the undersigned, applaud the bipartisan efforts of the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) and the U.S. House Committee on Education and the Workforce on the bipartisan A Stronger Workforce for America Act. This legislation, which would reauthorize the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), would harness the power of evidence and data to help improve outcomes for America's workers. We urge Congress to pass this legislation expeditiously to improve the outcomes for job seekers, workers, employers and taxpayers.

Our coalition is committed to advancing economic mobility for young people and families across the United States, advocating for evidence-driven strategies responsive to local needs. In particular, we support the provisions in the legislation that would:

- **Define evidence of effectiveness** and encourage evidence-based activities to drive federal workforce dollars toward interventions both proven to advance economic mobility and labor market outcomes;
- **Emphasize Opportunity Youth** by defining this term in WIOA to replace “out-of-school youth” and include in the definition youth in foster care and/or youth experiencing homelessness regardless of their school enrollment status;
- **Strengthen economic mobility for youth and adults** by dedicating additional statewide youth funds to serve opportunity youth, provide greater flexibility for local areas, emphasize high-quality career pathways through apprenticeships, and expand access to summer and year-round employment opportunities for youth;
- **Streamline data access and codify Workforce Data Quality Initiative grants**, which will help integrate education and workforce longitudinal databases, effectively leverage wage match records and existing state data infrastructure like statewide longitudinal data systems (SLDSs), and greatly improve the quality, timeliness and relevance of labor market data;
- **Enable States to leverage the National Directory of New Hires**, strengthening data linkages between program participants, providers, and employers;



- **Codify the Reentry Employment Opportunities Program**, an evidence-based model proven to help justice-involved individuals released from prisons transition back to meaningful employment and help reduce recidivism;
- **Enhance the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act** by including digital literacy skills as a core component of adult education and emphasizing the use of “integrated education and training” to better integrate basic skill-building and career preparation for adult learners.

Thank you again for the Committee’s work to advance a strong, bipartisan bill that will promote improvements in economic mobility and strengthen data and evaluation in America’s federal workforce development system.

Your staff should feel free to contact Kenneth Megan, Results for America’s Director of Federal Policy, at [kenneth@results4america.org](mailto:kenneth@results4america.org).

Sincerely,

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