

June 25, 2018

The Honorable Lamar Alexander  
Chairman, Senate Health, Education, Labor & Pensions Committee  
428 Senate Dirksen Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Patty Murray  
Ranking Member, Senate Health, Education, Labor & Pensions Committee  
428 Senate Dirksen Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Alexander and Ranking Member Murray:

We, the undersigned businesses and organizations, write to urge the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions to take swift, bipartisan action on reauthorization of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act. An update to this legislation is crucial to helping our nation's students acquire the skills needed to be successful in today's workplace.

Because employers are reporting a shortage of skilled workers to fill in-demand positions, ensuring that secondary and postsecondary institutions offer modern, quality and relevant career and technical education (CTE) programs remains a leading priority so that we can develop and grow our nation's workforce. As competition for high-skilled labor increases and as the U.S. economy reaches full employment, every effort must be made to close the skills gaps that many industries across all sectors face.

The Senate has an opportunity to support a next-generation workforce by investing in and modernizing CTE programs. Reauthorization of the Perkins CTE Act should focus on areas where improvements can be made to current law. As employers, we support efforts to:

- Align CTE programs to the needs of the regional, state and local labor market;
- Support effective and meaningful collaboration between secondary and postsecondary institutions and employers;
- Increase student participation in work-based learning opportunities; and
- Promote the use of industry recognized credentials and other recognized postsecondary credentials.

These updates will improve student outcomes and create additional postsecondary pathways into the workforce by preparing students with the academic, technical and employability skills they need to thrive.

The House of Representatives unanimously passed a version of a Perkins CTE reauthorization in 2017. It is time for the Senate to follow suit and help prepare Americans for career opportunities in a growing economy.

We look forward to your consideration and stand ready to work with you to support a high-quality, high-skilled workforce.

Sincerely,

Abbott  
AccuRounds, Inc.  
ADM Milling Company  
Advanced Superabrasives Inc.  
Aeronautical Repair Station Association  
Aerospace Industries Association  
AICC, The Independent Packaging Association  
Air Conditioning Contractors of America (ACCA)  
Air Handling Systems  
Air-Conditioning, Heating & Refrigeration Institute  
AK Steel  
Alaska Chamber  
Albany Area Chamber  
Alignment Collaborative for Education  
Allegheny Conference on Community Development  
Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers  
Alliance of Wyoming Manufacturers  
ALOM  
Amatrol, Inc.  
America Succeeds  
American Association of Community Colleges  
American Axle & Manufacturing  
American Bakers Association  
American Coatings Association, Inc.  
American Coke and Coal Chemicals Institute  
American Concrete Pressure Pipe Association  
American Foundry Society  
American Road & Transportation Builders Association  
American Society of Employers  
American Sportfishing Association  
American Supply Association  
American Wood Council  
Ames Chamber of Commerce  
AMT - The Association For Manufacturing Technology  
Analog Devices, Inc.  
Architectural Woodwork Institute  
Arizona Chamber of Commerce & Industry  
Arizona Manufacturers Council  
Arizona Technology Council  
Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce  
Asheville Buncombe Technical Community College  
ASPIRA of New York Inc.  
Associated Builders and Contractors  
Associated Equipment Distributors  
Associated General Contractors  
Associated Industries of Arkansas, Inc.  
Associated Industries of Massachusetts  
Association for Print Technologies (formerly NPES)  
Association for Talent Development  
Association of Equipment Manufacturers  
Association of Global Automakers

Association of Pool & Spa Professionals  
Association of Washington Business  
Association of Woodworking & Furnishings Suppliers (AWFS)  
Atlantic Technical College  
Augustus F. Hawkins Foundation  
Aurora Regional Chamber of Commerce  
Austin Chamber of Commerce  
Baker Boy  
Bar Harbor Chamber of Commerce  
BASF Corporation  
Baton Rouge Area Chamber  
Battelle Memorial Institute  
Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Area Chamber of Commerce  
Billings Chamber of Commerce  
Blair County Chamber of Commerce  
Blue Ridge Community College  
Blue Springs Metals, LLC  
Boeing Company, The  
Boise Metro Chamber  
Bolingbrook Area Chamber of Commerce  
Bongards Premium Cheese  
Book Industry Study Group  
Book Manufacturers' Institute  
Boulder Economic Council  
Bradford White Corporation  
Brick Industry Association  
Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations  
Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce  
Brown & Bigelow  
BSA | The Software Alliance  
Buffalo Niagara Manufacturing Alliance  
Buffalo Niagara Partnership  
Building Service Contractors Association International  
Burlington Chamber of Commerce  
Business Council of Alabama  
Business Roundtable  
BWX Technologies, Inc.  
CA Technologies  
Cadillac Area Chamber of Commerce  
Caldwell Chamber of Commerce  
Cameron Manufacturing & Design  
Cape May County Chamber of Commerce  
Capital Region Chamber  
Carson City Chamber of Commerce  
Carson City School District  
CDA Chamber of Commerce  
Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance  
Central Maryland Chamber  
Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce  
CEO Council for Growth  
Chamber630

Chemcut  
Chemung County Chamber of Commerce  
Chester County Chamber of Business & Industry  
City University of New York (CUNY)  
Cleveland-Bolivar County Chamber of Commerce  
Click Bond, Inc.  
CliftonLarsonAllen  
Clow Stamping Company  
Coalition on Adult Basic Education  
Code.org  
Coldwell Banker Select Real Estate  
Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL)  
Color Pigments Manufacturers Association  
Colorado Advanced Manufacturing Association  
Colorado Business Roundtable  
Colorado Succeeds  
Colorado Technology Association  
Command Companies  
Commerce Lexington Inc.  
Committee for Children  
Communities In Schools of Mid-America, Inc.  
Composite Panel Association  
Comprehensive Security Services, Inc  
CompTIA  
Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute  
Connecticut Business & Industry Association  
Cookware Manufacturers Association  
Cottonwood Mobile Home Park, Inc.  
Council of Industry of Southeastern New York  
Cumberland Regional High School District  
CUNY Bronx Community College  
Cypress College  
Dallas Regional Chamber  
Deco Products Company, LLLP  
Defiance Metal Products  
Delaware State Chamber of Commerce/Delaware Manufacturing Association  
Dell  
Delphon Industries  
DENSO International America  
Duke Energy  
Durable Products, Inc.  
Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce  
East Providence Area Chamber of Commerce  
Eastfield College  
Eau Claire Area Chamber of Commerce  
Economic Alliance Snohomish County  
Edison Electric Institute  
Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce  
Effingham County Chamber of Commerce  
Elgin Area Chamber  
Elgin Community College

Emanuel Bodner, LLC  
Emerson  
EMSDC - Block-by-Block Industries  
FCA US LLC  
Fibre Box Association  
Flexovit USA, Inc.  
Ford Motor Company  
Forging Industry Association  
Forma Automotive  
Foundry Association of Michigan  
Four D Enterprises LLC  
Friends of Carson City Library  
Ganesha Enterprises LLC  
GateWay Community College  
Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce  
Gear Motions  
General & Automotive Machine Shop, Inc.  
Georgetown Metal Processing, LLC  
Georgia Association of Manufacturers  
Georgia Chamber of Commerce  
Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education  
Gerdau  
Global Cold Chain Alliance  
Grand Rapids Area Chamber  
Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce  
Great Lakes Metro Chamber Chambers Coalition  
Greater Akron Chamber  
Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Decatur Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Houston Partnership  
Greater Louisville Inc.  
Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Memphis Chamber  
Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Reading Chamber Alliance  
Greater Rochester Advocates for Universities and Colleges  
Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Spokane Incorporated  
Greater Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Watertown-North Country Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Yakima Chamber of Commerce  
Green Bay Drop Forge  
Greenville Tool & Die Co  
Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce  
HealthCode  
High Company LLC  
Hillenbrand  
Hitachi, Ltd  
Honda North America, Inc.  
IBM

Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry  
Illinois Chamber of Commerce  
Illinois Manufacturers' Association  
Independent Electrical Contractors  
Indiana Cast Metals Association  
Indiana Manufacturers Association  
Industrial Fasteners Institute  
Industrial Minerals Association - North America  
Industrial Truck Association  
Information Technology Industry Council (ITI)  
Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute  
International Code Council  
International Paper  
International Sign Association  
Investment Casting Institute  
Iowa Association of Business and Industry  
IPC - Association Connecting Electronics Industries  
IQMS  
Irrigation Association  
ITEEA-International Technology and Engineering Educators Association  
Jackson Area Manufacturers Association  
Jamestown Area Chamber of Commerce  
Jamison Door Company  
Jefferson Community and Technical College  
Jerome Chamber of Commerce  
Jersey Shore Chamber of Commerce  
Jewels Benefits, Inc.  
Johnson Controls  
JOIN Inc. Training Nevadans for Careers  
Kentucky Chamber of Commerce  
Kingsport Chamber of Commerce  
Knoxville Chamber  
Koch Enterprises, Inc.  
Kyndle  
Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce  
Lakes Region Community College  
Lawson State Community College  
Leading Builders of America  
Leggett & Platt, Incorporated  
Liberty Pumps  
LIXIL Americas  
Longmont Area Chamber of Commerce  
Longview Chamber of Commerce  
Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce  
Lower Cape May Regional School District  
Lubbock Chamber of Commerce  
Lumbee Regional Development Association  
Lupson Associates LLC  
Manufacturers Education & Training Alliance Inc.  
Marilyn Lewis Insurance Agency Inc  
Marlin Steel Wire Products

Maryland Business Roundtable for Education  
Maryland Chamber of Commerce  
Massachusetts Business Alliance for Education  
Massachusetts Business Roundtable  
Mayo Clinic  
McLean County Chamber of Commerce  
Merritt Aluminum Products Company  
Metal Powder Industries Federation  
Metals Service Center Institute  
MGK  
Michael Byrne Mfg  
Michigan Chamber  
Michigan City Chamber of Commerce  
Michigan Manufacturers Association  
Microsoft  
Mid-Hudson Pattern for Progress  
Miles Fiberglass & Composites Inc.  
Milliken  
Mississippi Manufacturers Association  
Missouri Association of Manufacturers  
Missouri Chamber of Commerce & Industry  
Monadnock Paper Mills, Inc.  
Monroe Chamber of Commerce  
Montana Chamber of Commerce  
Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association  
NAFEM  
Naperville Area Chamber of Commerce  
NARI  
Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce  
National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity (NAPE)  
National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO)  
National Association for Surface Finishing  
National Association of Manufacturers  
National Association of Secondary School Principals  
National Association of Trailer Manufacturers  
National Black Chamber of Commerce  
National Center for College and Career Transitions  
National Concrete Masonry Association  
National Council for Advanced Manufacturing  
National Council of Teachers of Mathematics  
National Electrical Manufacturers Association  
National FFA Organization  
National Ground Water Association  
National Lumber and Building Material Dealers Association  
National Marine Manufacturers Association  
National Retail Federation  
National Roofing Contractors Association  
National Skills Coalition  
National Stone Sand and Gravel Association  
National Tooling & Machining Association  
National Utility Contractors Association

National Waste & Recycling Association  
National Wood Flooring Association  
NAWBO Chicago  
Nevada Manufacturers Association  
New Jersey Business & Industry Association  
New Jersey Chamber of Commerce Foundation  
New PECO, Inc  
Nissan North America  
Nome Chamber of Commerce  
Norcom, Inc.  
North American Die Casting Association  
North American Lighting  
North American Millers' Association  
North Carolina Chamber  
North Central Massachusetts Chamber of Commerce  
North Country Chamber of Commerce  
Northampton Community College  
Northeast PA Manufacturers & Employers Association  
Northeast PA Manufacturers & Employers Council, Inc.  
Northtech Machine LLC  
Offsite Data Depot  
Ohio Cast Metals Association  
One Southern Indiana  
Optimax Systems, Inc.  
Oracle  
Outdoor Power Equipment Institute  
Painter Tool Inc  
Panther Industries, Inc.  
Pardee UNC Health Care  
Paris Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism  
Partnership for Air Conditioning, Heating, Refrigeration Accreditation  
Pasco Chamber of Commerce  
Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry  
PG&E Corporation  
Pike County Chamber of Commerce  
Pine Hall Brick Co  
Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Commerce  
Plastics Industry Association  
Plumbing Manufacturers International  
Pocatello-Chubbuck Chamber of Commerce  
Port Townsend Paper Corporation  
Portland Cement Association  
Pratt Area Chamber of Commerce  
Precision Machined Products Association  
Precision Metalforming Association  
Prime Locations Nevada, LLC  
Printing Industries of America  
Project Lead The Way  
Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce  
Quality Float Works, Inc.  
Qualtek Manufacturing Inc.



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Rawlins Chamber of Commerce  
Republic Services, Inc.  
Resilient Floor Covering Institute  
Reusable Industrial Packaging Association  
Rheem Manufacturing Company  
Richland Area Chamber of Commerce  
Riverdale Mills Corp.  
Roaring Spring Blank Book Co.  
Rolling Meadows Chamber  
Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce  
Saint-Gobain Corporation  
San Diego Miramar College  
San Jacinto College  
Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce  
SAS  
Schatz Bearing Corporation  
Schmalz Inc.  
Schreiber LLC  
Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce  
Sechan Electronics, Inc  
SEMI  
Senninger Plumbing  
Sheridan County Chamber of Commerce  
Siemens  
Sierra Academy of Style  
SkillsUSA  
Society of Women Engineers  
Software & Information Industry Association  
South Carolina Chamber of Commerce  
Specialty Equipment Market Association  
Specialty Graphic Imaging Association  
Springfield Regional Chamber  
St. Cloud Area Chamber of Commerce  
St. Joseph (MO) Chamber of Commerce  
Stanly County Chamber of Commerce  
Steel Manufacturers Association  
STEMx  
Strategic HR Partners, Inc.  
SUNY — The State University of New York  
Superior Graphite Co.  
Taco, Inc.  
TAG Team Manufacturing  
Tata Consultancy Services  
TBDN Tennessee Company  
Tecumseh Public Schools  
Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry  
Tennessee Chamber of Commerce / Tennessee Manufacturers Association  
Texas Association of Manufacturers  
Texas Cast Metals Association  
The Business Council of New York State, Inc.

The Business Council of Westchester  
The Carrington Company  
The Chamber Grand Forks East Grand Forks  
The Chamber of Commerce for Greater Philadelphia  
The Colorado Chamber of Commerce (CACI)  
The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce  
The Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce  
The Hardwood Federation  
The Hormel Institute, University of Minnesota  
The New England Council  
The Society for Maintenance & Reliability Professionals (SMRP)  
The State University of New York  
The Vinyl Institute  
The West Virginia Chamber of Commerce  
Thermcraft, Inc  
Thermo Fisher Scientific  
Think Dutchess  
Third Way  
Tidewater Community College  
Tioga County Chamber of Commerce  
Toyota Bodine  
Toyota Boshoku Tennessee  
Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Texas  
Toyota Motor North America, Inc.  
TRAM, Inc.  
Trussway Manufacturing, LLC  
Tucson Hispanic Chamber  
Tucson Metro Chamber  
TVS  
U.S. Chamber of Commerce  
Umpqua Community College  
Unex Manufacturing  
United Way Worldwide  
Uniweld Products Inc.  
Valley Industrial Association  
Vantec, Inc.  
Verisurf Measurement Solutions  
Vermeer Corporation  
Vermont Chamber of Commerce  
Vernier Software & Technology  
Vineberg Machining Inc.  
Vinyl Siding Institute  
Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.  
Volvo Group North America  
Vulcan Materials Company  
Walker Machinery Company  
Walnut Presbyterian Church  
Well Being LLC  
Wellborn Cabinet, Inc.  
Western Carolina University  
Western Nevada College

Whayne Supply Company  
Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce  
WilliamsRDM, Inc.  
Wipro  
Wisconsin Cast Metals Association  
Wood Component Manufacturers Association  
Wood Machinery Manufacturers of America  
Wood Products Manufacturers Association  
Woodwork Career Alliance of North America  
Woodworking Machinery Industry Association  
Workforce Development, Inc.  
Xerox Corporation  
Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce  
Yankton Area Progressive Growth  
York County Economic Alliance  
Young Invincibles  
Youth Communication  
Zanesville-Muskingum County Chamber of Commerce  
Zero Zone Inc  
3rd & Curry Street Farmers Market