

June 14, 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  
 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 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  
 Austin Chamber of Commerce  
 Baker Boy  
 Bar Harbor Chamber of Commerce  
 BASF Corporation  
 Baton Rouge Area Chamber  
 Battelle Memorial Institute  
 Billings Chamber of Commerce  
 Blair County Chamber of Commerce  
 Blue Ridge Community College  
 Blue Springs Metals, LLC  
 Boeing Company, The  
 Boise Metro Chamber  
 Bongards Premium Cheese  
 Book Industry Study Group  
 Book Manufacturers' Institute  
 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 Roundtable  
 BWX Technologies, Inc.  
 CA Technologies  
 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  
 Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce  
 CEO Council for Growth

Chemcut  
Chemung County Chamber of Commerce  
Chester County Chamber of Business & Industry  
Cleveland-Bolivar County Chamber of Commerce  
Click Bond, Inc.  
CliftonLarsonAllen  
Clow Stamping Company  
Coalition on Adult Basic Education  
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  
Committee for Children  
Communities In Schools of Mid-America, Inc.  
Composite Panel Association  
Comprehensive Security Services, Inc  
CompTIA  
Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute  
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  
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  
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  
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 Partnership for Excellence in Education  
Gerdau  
Global Cold Chain Alliance  
Grand Rapids Area Chamber  
Great Lakes Metro Chamber Chambers Coalition  
Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Houston Partnership  
Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Rochester Advocates for Universities and Colleges  
Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Spokane Incorporated  
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

IBM Tennessee  
Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry  
Illinois Manufacturers' Association  
Independent Electrical Contractors  
Indiana Manufacturers Association  
Industrial Fasteners Institute  
Industrial Minerals Association - North America  
Industrial Truck Association  
Information Technology Industry Council (ITI)  
Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute  
International Paper  
International Sign Association  
Investment Casting Institute  
Iowa Association of Business and Industry  
IPC - Association Connecting Electronics Industries  
IQMS  
Irrigation Association  
Jackson Area Manufacturers Association  
Jamestown Area Chamber of Commerce  
Jamison Door Company  
Jefferson Community and Technical College  
Jerome Chamber of Commerce  
Jewels Benefits, Inc.  
Johnson Controls  
JOIN Inc. Training Nevadans for Careers  
Knoxville Chamber  
Koch Enterprises, Inc.  
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 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  
NAFEM  
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 Waste & Recycling Association  
National Wood Flooring Association  
Nevada Manufacturers 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 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  
Optimax Systems, Inc.  
Oracle  
Outdoor Power Equipment Institute  
Painter Tool Inc  
Panther Industries, Inc.  
Pardee UNC Health Care  
Partnership for Air Conditioning, Heating,  
Refrigeration Accreditation (PAHRA)  
Pasco Chamber of Commerce  
Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and  
Industry  
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.  
Railway Tie Association  
Rawlins Chamber of Commerce  
Republic Services, Inc.  
Resilient Floor Covering Institute  
Reusable Industrial Packaging Association  
Rheem Manufacturing Company  
Riverdale Mills Corp.  
Roaring Spring Blank Book Co.  
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  
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  
The Business Council of New York State

The Business Council of Westchester  
The Carrington Company  
The Chamber of Commerce for Greater Philadelphia  
The Colorado Chamber of Commerce (CACI)  
The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce  
The Hardwood Federation  
The Hormel Institute, University of Minnesota  
The Society for Maintenance & Reliability Professionals (SMRP)  
The State University of New York  
The Vinyl Institute  
The West Virginia Chamber of Commerce  
Thermcraft, Inc  
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  
Vineburg 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.  
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  
Young Invincibles  
Youth Communication  
Zero Zone Inc  
3rd & Curry Street Farmers Market