

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