



July 7th, 2014

The Honorable Tim Kaine
388 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Rob Portman
448 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Kaine and Senator Portman,

We are writing on behalf of the National Association of State Directors of Career Technical Education Consortium (NASDCTEc) and the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) to express our support for the recently introduced *Educating Tomorrow's Workforce Act of 2014*. This bipartisan legislation is an encouraging proposal for the Career Technical Education (CTE) enterprise, and both of our organizations applaud your continued efforts to support our nation's CTE students and critically important CTE programs.

The Educating Tomorrow's Workforce Act would encourage postsecondary credential attainment by strengthening connections between secondary and postsecondary education, and would support greater opportunities for CTE students to participate in experiential learning by forging stronger partnerships between the business community and CTE programs. Most encouragingly, this legislation would introduce a more rigorous framework for CTE programs of study and would encourage more extensive implementation of core features in such a programmatic structure.

NASDCTEc and ACTE fully support the above goals contained in this bipartisan legislation and view them as important elements which we hope to see incorporated into a newly reauthorized Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act (Perkins). On behalf of our members, we would like to sincerely thank you for your continued dedication and commitment to the CTE enterprise embodied in this legislation and we look forward to working with both of you as Congress works to thoughtfully reauthorize the Perkins Act.

Sincerely,

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