

September 8, 2016

The Honorable John Kline  
Chairman  
Committee on Education and the Workforce U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Bobby Scott  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Education and the Workforce U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Kline and Ranking Member Scott:

We, the undersigned businesses and organizations, support the bipartisan H.R. 5587, The Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act, sponsored by Representatives G.T. Thompson (R-PA) and Katherine Clark (D-MA).

We urge you to move swiftly toward passage of this important legislation. Employers are reporting a shortage of skilled workers to fill in-demand positions. Modernized and relevant career and technical education (CTE) programs, designed with the input of employers and responsive to the needs identified by labor market data, are central to overcoming this skills gap.

CTE is an effective tool for improving student outcomes and helps prepare both secondary and postsecondary students with the necessary academic, technical, and employability skills required to be successful in the workforce. Indeed, CTE prepares students both for college and careers.

The legislation focuses on areas where improvements can be made to current law, building upon its past successes and enhancing aspects of the Perkins CTE Act, which will help to better serve both workers and employers. H.R. 5587 will help:

- 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 post- secondary credentials.

These improvements will more effectively spend federal dollars to help our nation's students acquire the skills that they need and employers are demanding. We urge you to move forward with H.R. 5587 and applaud the ongoing, bipartisan

commitment to invest in our nation's students, workers, and economy through the Perkins CTE program.

Cc: Members of the House of Representatives

Sincerely,

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AMT - The Association For Manufacturing Technology Andy Roddick Foundation

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California Business Roundtable  
California Manufacturers & Technology Association Camp Fire Central Texas  
Career & Technical Association of Texas Carpenter Technology Corporation  
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Change the Equation  
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CIMBAR Performance Minerals  
Citizen Schools  
City of Austin  
Civic Enterprises  
Click Bond, Inc.  
Code.org  
Colorado Business Roundtable  
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Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque Community Health Charities, Inc.  
Composite Panel Association  
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Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute  
Connecticut Business & Industry Association  
Cook Medical  
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Crown Equipment Corporation  
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Delta Faucet  
Delta Systems, Inc.  
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Eaton  
Education & Training Solutions, LLC  
Emerson  
Entertainment Software Association  
Ergotronix  
Ferguson Perforating & Wire Company  
Fibre Box Association

FM Brown's Sons, Incorporated  
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Forging Industry Association  
FPDA - Motion Control  
Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce  
Fusion  
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Gaston College  
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Greater Houston Partnership  
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Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce  
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Hardwood Federation  
Hardwood Manufacturers Association  
Hartwig, Inc.  
HealthCode  
Heart of Florida United  
Heating, Air-Conditioning & Refrigeration Distributors International (HARDI)  
Hewlett Packard Enterprise Company  
Hi-Lex Controls, Inc.  
Hillside Family of Agencies  
Honda North America, Inc.  
Houston Independent School District  
Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress  
Hunter Hawk, Incorporated  
Huntington Ingalls  
Hyster-Yale Materials Handling, Inc.

IBM Corporation  
Illinois Manufacturers' Association  
Inbound Logistics Magazine  
INDA, The Association for Nonwoven Fabrics Industry  
Independent Bakers Association  
Independent Electrical Contractors  
Independent Lubricant Manufacturers Association  
Indiana Manufacturers Association, Inc.  
Industrial Minerals Association - North America  
Industrial Minerals Association – North America  
Industrial Tool, Die & Engineering, Inc.  
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Information Technology Industry Council, (ITI)  
Ingersoll Rand, plc  
Institute of Makers of Explosives  
Intel Corporation  
Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute  
International Dairy Foods Association  
International Housewares Association  
International Imaging Materials, Inc. (IIMAK)  
International Paper  
International Sign Association  
Iowa Association of Business & Industry  
Iowa Business Council  
IPC - Association Connecting Electronics Industries  
Isimac Machine Company, Inc.  
ITEEA – The International Technology and Engineering Educators Association  
Jackson Area Manufacturers Association  
Jackson Chamber  
Jackson State Community College  
James Machine Works, Inc.  
Jamison Door Company  
Jennette Specialty Glass  
JourneyAH, LLC – Leadership & Management Development Training Company JPM  
Prototype & Mfg., Inc.  
Junior Achievement of Oklahoma  
Junior Achievement of Southern California  
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KC Tech Council  
Kentucky Association of Manufacturers (KAM)  
Kentucky Chamber of Commerce  
Kentucky Community & Technical College (KCTCS)  
Kimber Mfg., Inc.  
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Kohler Company  
Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce

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Longmont Chamber of Commerce  
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Louisiana Committee of 100 for Economic Development  
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Lubbock-Cooper ISD  
Lumity  
LyondellBasell  
MACNY - The Manufacturers Association  
Magnet Schools of America  
Maine State Chamber of Commerce  
Manufacturers Association of Florida  
Manufacturing Skill Standards Council  
Marcus Paint Company  
Marlin Steel Wire Products LLC  
Marvin Windows and Doors  
Maryland Business Roundtable for Education  
Maryland Chamber of Commerce  
Massachusetts Business Alliance for Education  
Massachusetts Business Roundtable  
Massachusetts Technology Leadership Council, Inc.  
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Merrill Technologies Group  
Metal Powder Industries Federation  
MetroHartford Alliance  
MGK Group, Inc.  
Michigan Manufacturers Association  
Microsoft Corporation  
Miles Fiberglass & Composites, Inc.  
Mills Machine Co.  
Mindset, Inc.  
Minnesota Chamber of Commerce  
Minnesota Manufacturers Coalition  
Mississippi Manufacturers Association  
Missouri Association of Manufacturers  
Modern Metal Processing, Inc.  
Monadnock Paper Mills, Inc.  
Monroe Community College  
Montana Chamber of Commerce  
Montana Manufacturing Association  
Morris County Vocational School District - Continuing ED  
Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association

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National Association of Graduate-Professional Students  
National Association of Manufacturers (NAM)  
National Association of State Student Grant and Aid Programs (NASSGAP) National  
Association of Trailer Manufacturers  
National Association of Workforce Boards  
National Cart  
National Center for Technological Literacy at the Museum of Science, Boston  
National Coalition of Certification Centers (NC3)  
National Concrete Masonry Association  
National Council for Advanced Manufacturing  
National Council of Teachers of Mathematics  
National Grid  
National Marine Manufacturers Association  
National Retail Federation  
National Roofing Contractors Association  
National Science Education Leadership Association  
National Skills Coalition  
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association  
National Technology Transfer  
National Waste & Recycling Association  
National Wood Flooring Association  
Nevada Manufacturers Association  
New Hampshire High Technology Council  
New Jersey Business & Industry Association  
New Jersey Chamber of Commerce  
New Mexico Business Roundtable  
New York State School Boards Association  
Nichols Precision  
North American Association of Food Equipment Manufacturers (NAFEM) North  
American Die Casting Association  
North Carolina Chamber  
North Carolina Institute of Minority Economic Development  
North Carolina Technology Association  
Northeast PA Manufacturers & Employers Association  
Northern Virginia Community College  
NPES-The Association for Suppliers of Printing, Publishing and Converting  
Technologies NY Tech Alliance  
NYMAT  
Ohio Business Roundtable  
OHTec  
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Oklahoma Business Roundtable  
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Oregon Business Council  
Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
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Pattern for Progress  
PeopleFund  
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Philadelphia Works  
Plastic Pipe and Fittings Association  
Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors – National Association  
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Poughkeepsie Alliance  
Precipart Corporation  
Project Exploration  
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Richardson (Texas) Chamber of Commerce  
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RoMan Manufacturing Inc.  
Royal Arms International, Inc.  
S.C. Johnson & Son, Inc.  
S4J Manufacturing Services, Inc.  
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Commerce Sandvik Coromant US  
Science Foundation Arizona  
Sessa Manufacturing & Welding  
SGL Carbon, LLC.  
Shaw Industries Group, Inc.  
Siemens Corporation  
Silicon Valley Leadership Group  
SKF USA Inc.  
Society for Maintenance & Reliability Professionals (SMRP) Society of Chemical  
Manufacturers & Affiliates  
Society of Women Engineers  
Software & Information Industry Association (SIIA)  
South Carolina Council on Competitiveness

South Texas College  
Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA)  
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SSAB Americas  
St. Michael's Learning Academy  
Stark State College  
State University of New York  
Steel Manufacturers Association  
Stellar Industries, Inc.  
STEM Education Coalition  
STEMx  
STERIS Corporation  
Strategic HR Partners, Inc.  
SUNY Geneseo  
Sweet Street Desserts, Inc.  
Symantec Corporation  
Synopsis, Inc.  
TAB Industries, LLC  
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Tech Council of Maryland  
Tech Titans of North Texas  
TechNet  
Technical Services, Inc.  
Technology Association of Georgia  
Technology Association of Louisville, Kentucky  
Technology Association of Oregon  
Technology Councils of North America (TECNA)  
Tennessee Association of Manufacturers  
Tennessee Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
Tennessee Manufacturers Association  
Texas Association of Business  
Texas Association of Manufacturers  
Texas Business Leadership Council  
Textile Rental Services Association of America (TRSA)  
The Aluminum Association  
The Boeing Company  
The Business Council of New York State  
The Carlstar Group, LLC  
The Carpet and Rug Institute  
The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company  
The Greater Baltimore Committee  
The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America  
The Hershey Company  
The Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) The Kansas Chamber  
of Commerce & Industry  
The Lee Company

The Manufacturers Alliance of New York  
The New England Council  
The Research & Development Council of New Jersey  
The Space Foundation  
The Technology and Manufacturing Association  
Thermcraft, Incorporated  
Thermo Fisher Scientific/Fisher Scientific Education  
Thinking Media - Learning Blade  
Third Way  
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Toyota Motor North America, Inc.  
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Trega Corporation  
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Trim-Tex, Inc.  
U.S. Axle, Inc.  
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World Youth Foundation  
Xerox Corporation  
YMCA Greater Austin  
YMCA of the USA  
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Zero Zone Refrigeration  
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