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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
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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
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Asheville Buncombe Technical Community College
ASPIRA of New York Inc.
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Associated Industries of Arkansas, Inc.
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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
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Baker Boy
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BASF Corporation
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Battelle Memorial Institute
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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
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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
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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.
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Clow Stamping Company
Coalition on Adult Basic Education
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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
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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
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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
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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.
Railway Tie Association
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
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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
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The Business Council of Westchester
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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
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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