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The Honorable John Kline
Chairman
Committee on Education & the Workforce
2439 Rayburn House Office Building
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Kline:

On behalf of the more than 1.5 million members of the American Federation of Teachers, I strongly urge you to support H.R. 803, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

This bipartisan bill will extend the ladder of opportunity to more workers—especially young people, the disabled, the long-term unemployed and those barely getting by on low-wage jobs—by providing the skills and training needed to compete for 21st-century jobs.

Our public schools are focused on ensuring kids can build relationships, think critically, problem solve and show persistence, but that shouldn't end once they leave the classroom. Programs like those in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act help continue that path forward; they bring together government, employers and workers, and help create the good jobs our communities and our families so desperately need.

The economic recovery has left too many Americans behind. This bipartisan bill meets the demand of the American people for Congress to work together and pass legislation to create jobs, grow our economy and create opportunity.

Thank you for considering our views on this important matter.

Sincerely,

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