



*Serving Stark and Tuscarawas Counties*

June 9, 2014

The Honorable John Kline  
2439 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Kline:

On behalf of The Workforce Initiative Association and the Workforce Investment Board serving Stark and Tuscarawas Counties in Ohio, we would like to thank you for your continued support of the workforce investment system. We understand that these are difficult economic times and the deficit needs to be addressed, but your leadership in crafting the bipartisan Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to reauthorize the Workforce Investment Act is greatly appreciated.

We believe that the workforce system is a critical component of our nation's continued economic recovery and support your effort to develop a comprehensive, accessible and high-quality workforce development system that prepares workers for the 21<sup>st</sup> century workforce.

Local business-led workforce investment boards provide strategic direction for federal investments that help ensure our nation's businesses of a skilled workforce. We believe this bill is essential to the advancement of improving the workforce system by making clear the expectation and providing mechanisms for state and local workforce investment boards to improve the overall alignment, coordination and streamlining of workforce programs to achieve efficiencies and strong outcomes in coordination with education and economic development.

Thank you again for your leadership in moving the reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act forward and for your belief and continued support of the local workforce investment system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David M. Wheeler".

David M. Wheeler, AEP  
WIB Chair

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jennifer M. Meek Eells".

Jennifer M. Meek Eells  
WIA Executive Director