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Dear Member of Congress,

On behalf of more than 3 million Americans for Prosperity activists across all 50 states, I write in support of H.R. 6655, the Stronger Workforce for America Act. This bipartisan legislation represents a significant step forward in reforming our nation's workforce development system. Since the enactment of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) in 2014, our economy and labor market have evolved dramatically. However, the existing framework has struggled to keep pace with these changes. H.R. 6655 addresses many of these gaps, offering innovative marketplace solutions that are crucial for both economic growth and individual prosperity while reducing governmental inefficiency and interference.

Specifically, the Stronger Workforce for America Act emphasizes the importance of upskilling and reskilling workers by allocating substantial funds towards individual training accounts (ITAs), on-the-job learning opportunities, and employer-led initiatives and less on the system's bureaucracy – shifting misallocated taxpayer money away from unaccountable and irrelevant programs. This focus on enhancing individuals' skills aligns with our commitment to fostering economic freedom and ensuring competitiveness in today's job market by strengthening labor force participation. This bill takes important steps to empower states to pilot One Door to Work reforms to assist working-age Americans re-enter the workforce more effectively by integrating workforce development and safety net programs while reducing the burden on taxpayers. Additionally, the bill strengthens the connection between employers and workers through enhanced employer involvement and industry-relevant upskilling programs. By fostering collaboration between employers and education providers, the bill ensures that workforce programs align with the current labor market demands, facilitating individuals' access to meaningful careers.

Furthermore, the bill introduces measures to improve accountability and quality in workforce programs by implementing reforms in program evaluation and performance indicators. This emphasis on accountability and results is essential for building a more efficient and effective workforce development system that reduces the governmental footprint and propels individuals towards self-sufficiency. Additionally, the bill prioritizes modernization and innovation by emphasizing digital literacy, virtual services, and skills-based hiring practices, reflecting a forward-thinking approach that aligns training programs with the realities of the 21st-century workplace. This includes pathways for ex-offenders to re-integrate into their communities.

H.R. 6655 is a blueprint for a more dynamic workforce where the private sector and education providers rather than government are empowered to meet the needs of America's workers and employers. We urge you to support this bill, recognizing its potential to significantly contribute to a stronger, more resilient, and more prosperous America.

Sincerely,

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