

July 6, 2016

Dear Chairman Kline and Congressman Scott:

On behalf of state chiefs of public education across the country, I am writing in support of the “Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act,” introduced by Representatives Glenn Thompson and Katherine Clark. As states work to align education programs with current workforce needs, this legislation to update the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act will provide critical supports to state and local educators preparing students to succeed in 21st century careers.

Ensuring career readiness for all students is a top priority for states. We are pleased that the “Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act” recognizes that state and local educators are best situated to develop and implement effective education strategies to promote career readiness. By promoting flexibility in state and local uses of funds and streamlining the application process for receiving federal funding, the legislation will allow state and local leaders to align federal, state, and local workforce programs to deliver world-class career educational opportunities for students.

The Council of Chief State School Officers is pleased to support the “Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act.” We look forward to its approval by the House Committee on Education and the Workforce and its subsequent consideration in the full House of Representatives.

Sincerely,



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