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National Association of State  
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To: The Honorable Tim Walberg (R-MI), Chairman, House Committee on Education and the Workforce  
The Honorable Bobby Scott (D-VA), Ranking Member, House Committee on Education and the Workforce

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Subject: A Stronger Workforce for America Act of 2026

The National Association of State Directors of Adult Education does not believe that “A Stronger Workforce for American Act of 2026” in its current form would sufficiently address the needs of the workforce system.

The adult education population fills a critical void in the nation’s workforce, and the unique foundational education needs of this population require the expertise of a system designed specifically to support them. It is not clear that a transfer to the Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration would provide the expertise in instructional practices or personal information protections that could continue the documented successes of the currently administered federal adult education program. The current system reflects decades of experience in adult education, including specialized instructional methods, integrated service delivery, and effective advising systems tailored to adult learners.

Collaboration among the WIOA core programs is essential to a strong federal workforce system and we hope to see a reauthorization proposal that incorporates a broader perspective on improving the system. As an organization representing state administrators from every state and territory, we encourage the Committee to seek a bipartisan solution to supporting adult education and workforce development to meet our nation’s economic and quality of life priorities. We respectfully urge the Committee to engage with State Directors of Adult Education to develop policies that strengthen this vital component of the workforce development system. NASDAE remains available to provide technical assistance upon request to address the dual challenges facing our nation: helping adult learners build foundational skills and supporting employers in need of a skilled workforce.