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Dear Honorable Chairman Tim Walberg and Members of the Education and Workforce Committee,

On behalf of A-Team USA and the families, self-advocates, caregivers, and community members who raise our voices together, I write in strong support of the Restoration of Employment Choice for Adults with Disabilities Act (H.R. 8736). For the people we represent, this is not an abstract policy debate—it is about dignity, self-determination, and whether adults with disabilities are trusted to make real decisions about their own lives. Families in our movement know that when government policy limits options instead of expanding them, the people most affected are too often left without a pathway that reflects their goals, strengths, and support needs.

Across our communities, we see every day that employment is not one-size-fits-all. Some people thrive in competitive integrated employment, while others need more structured settings that provide training, supervision, purpose, and connection. H.R. 8736 recognizes that reality and protects informed choice by reducing barriers that can stand between a person and meaningful work. Grassroots advocates, families, and self-advocates are asking Congress to respect what we know from lived experience: real inclusion means honoring individual choice, not forcing every person into the same path. We respectfully urge the Committee to support and advance this legislation without delay.

Please add the A-Team USA to the list of supporters for this Act.

Sincerely,

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