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The Honorable Tim Walberg
Chair, House Education and Workforce Committee

Dear Chairman Walberg,

My name is Alli Jiskra, and I work as an accountant for Chippewa River Industries. Our organization supports individuals with disabilities by providing opportunities for employment, greater independence, and meaningful participation within the community.

I am writing to express my support for the Restoration of Employment Choice for Adults with Disabilities Act. This legislation is meaningful both to me and to the individuals we serve because it helps protect employment options for adults with disabilities while reducing barriers that may unnecessarily restrict those opportunities.

For many individuals with disabilities and their families, having a range of employment choices is extremely important. Each person has unique goals, skills, and circumstances that should be considered when determining the work environment that best fits their needs. Reducing the age threshold from 24 to 18 acknowledges that adults should be empowered to make informed decisions regarding their employment options. Additionally, permitting employers to continue compensating workers under a Section 14(c) certificate when states do not provide the required counseling helps ensure employees are not unfairly affected by administrative delays beyond their control.

Through my experience, I have seen that employment decisions are highly individualized. No two situations are exactly alike, and maintaining flexibility is critical to helping individuals pursue opportunities that provide purpose, stability, and dignity. This legislation reinforces those values by preserving choice and continuing access to programs that many individuals depend upon.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my perspective and for your continued attention to this important issue. I appreciate your leadership on matters involving workforce development and disability policy, and I respectfully encourage your support of the Restoration of Employment Choice for Adults with Disabilities Act.

Sincerely,

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