

June 3, 2014

Senator Tom Harkin, Chairman
Senate HELP Committee

Senator Lamar Alexander
Ranking Member, Senate HELP Committee

Rep. John Kline
Chairman, House Committee on Education and the Workforce

Rep. George Miller
Ranking Member, House Committee on Education and the Workforce

Dear Honorable Senators and Representatives:

On behalf of Goodwill Industries International and its network of 158 local agencies in the United States, thank you for your leadership and for your tireless efforts to develop and advance a bi-partisan and bi-cameral agreement to reauthorize the Workforce Investment Act (WIA).

Goodwill supports the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act's (WIOA) approach. It preserves core job training programs in order to build upon their strengths while making needed improvements. It aims to enhance program alignment and collaboration; establishes common performance measures for adults across core programs; and increases employment opportunities for youth with disabilities. These and other improvements are an important step in the right direction.

In closing, Goodwill supports the bill and looks forward to working with you to advance the WIA reauthorization bill toward its long-overdue final enactment. Please feel free to contact me at (240) 333-5201 or Seth Turner, Senior Director of Government Affairs and Public Policy, at seth.turner@goodwill.org or (240) 333-5508.

Sincerely,



Jim Gibbons
President and CEO

Cc:

Senator Robert Casey

Chair, Senate HELP Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety

Senator Johnny Isakson

Ranking Member, Senate HELP Subcommittee On Employment and Workplace Safety

Senator Patty Murray

Chairman, Senate Budget Committee

Member, Senate HELP Committee

Rep. Virginia Foxx

Chair, Higher Education & Workforce Training Subcommittee, House Committee on Education and the Workforce

Rep. Rubén Hinojosa

Ranking Member, Higher Education & Workforce Training Subcommittee, House Committee on Education and the Workforce