



NATIONAL SKILLS COALITION
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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Madam Speaker:

On behalf of National Skills Coalition – a broad-based coalition of business leaders, labor unions, postsecondary educational institutions, community-based organizations, and public workforce agencies - I write to express our strong support for the American Jobs and Closing Tax Loopholes Act of 2010 (HR 4213). This legislation will help support our nation's economic recovery efforts, and will help lay the groundwork for American competitiveness in the 21st century.

We are particularly pleased that the bill makes a number of critical investments in job training and worker support programs. Programs like the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Emergency Contingency Fund, summer youth employment under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), the Community College and Career Training Grant Program, and Unemployment Insurance (UI) and COBRA health benefits will help America's workers get through periods of extended unemployment and acquire the skills they need to get and keep well-paying jobs. These programs will also ensure that America's businesses can find the qualified workers they need to grow and compete.

I thank you for your vision and leadership on these issues, and look forward to working with your office to advance this vital legislation.

Sincerely,

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