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House Proposes Ending Federal Job Training as Millions of Unemployed Americans Try to Retrain for New Jobs

Tomorrow Employers, Unions Voice Opposition in Meetings, Rallies Across the U.S.

Despite record unemployment and with over 5 million Americans unemployed for 6 months or longer, the House of Representatives Fiscal Year 2011 Continuing Appropriations bill, HR 1, zeroes out all funding for the Workforce Investment Act—the nation’s primary system for getting Americans back to work, which in the past year served 8.4 million jobseekers and helped over 4.3 million get jobs. Tomorrow, across the U.S., representatives from business, labor, education and training programs, and the public sector will respond to these proposed cuts. In meetings with Members of Congress in their home districts and rallies in Los Angeles, Chicago, and Milwaukee, these groups will unite to voice opposition to funding cuts for job training. Organized by National Skills Coalition and over twenty other national groups, tomorrow’s Workforce Day of Action is a coordinated effort to urge Congress not to eliminate funding for workforce programs, which play a vital role in the nation’s economic recovery and state’s job creation efforts.

WHAT: National Workforce Day of Action

WHO: American Association of Community Colleges
Association for Career and Technical Education
Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs
Center for Law and Social Policy
Coalition for Workforce Solutions
Corporation of a Skills Workforce
The Corps Network
Council for Adult and Experiential Learning
Council for Advancement of Adult Literacy
International Association of Jewish Vocational Services
Jobs for the Future
National Association of Workforce Boards

National Association of Workforce Development Professionals
National Council for Workforce Education
National Council of La Raza
National Network of Sector Partners
National Skills Coalition
National Youth Employment Coalition
US Conference of Mayors
Wider Opportunities for Women
Workforce Investment Works
Workforce Strategies Initiative

WHEN: Thursday, March 24, 2011

WHERE: Meetings, Site Visits and Rallies in Communities Across the County

PHOTO/VIDEO OPS: National Skills Coalition is happy to connect members of the media to local groups holding rallies or organizing meetings and site visits with Members of Congress throughout the country for interviews or photo/video opportunities. NSC Federal Policy Director Rachel Gragg is also available for comment.

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National Skills Coalition is a broad-based coalition of employers, unions, education and training providers, and public officials working toward a vision of an America that grows its economy by investing in its people so that every worker and every industry has the skills to compete and prosper.