



April 8, 2024

Dear Representative,

On behalf of the International Paper employees in your district, we urge your support of H.R.6655, *A Stronger Workforce for America Act*. **International Paper employees are the heart of our business and the foundation of our success which is why we strongly support H.R.6655.**

As you know, International Paper is one of the world's leading producers of corrugated packaging and pulp. We transform renewable resources into sustainable products that people depend on every day. We are focused on developing our workforce of 32,000 U.S. employees, which includes recruiting and retaining the best talent, to manufacture the world's best corrugated packaging and pulp.

The federal government has an important role to play in building the pipeline of talent that supports U.S. manufacturing and the economy. *A Stronger Workforce for America Act* updates important provisions in the existing federal workforce program called the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. Key provisions in the bill will ensure that the program **allocates more funding toward workforce skills education and increases business and community participation**, which in turn will strengthen the program and lead to improved outcomes for all stakeholders. Importantly, by allocating more funding toward hands-on learning, **H.R. 6655 will allow more students to develop the in-demand skills sought after by employers which can lead to a rewarding career.**

A Stronger Workforce for America Act passed the Education and Workforce Committee with a strong bipartisan vote in December of 2023 and **International Paper asks for your support to continue the bill's momentum on the House floor.** Advancing legislation like H.R. 6655 will help develop the talent necessary for U.S. manufacturers to compete in the global economy for the long term.

Thank you for your consideration and please contact me or Julie Alsup (Julie.Alsup@ipaper.com) if we can provide additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Keuleman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Chris Keuleman
Vice President, Global Government Relations