

April 8, 2024

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Democratic Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Johnson and Leader Jeffries:

I write to you on behalf of The Information Technology Industry Council (ITI), the premier global advocate for technology, representing eighty of the world's most innovative companies. Founded in 1916, ITI is an international trade association with a team of professionals on four continents. We promote public policies and industry standards that advance competition and innovation worldwide. The world's most innovative companies depend on the skills of highly trained workers. Finding qualified individuals to fill those jobs is a challenge. For the United States' economy to remain competitive, it is important to have a qualified, skilled workforce to meet the demands of today's jobs.

I write to express our support for the bipartisan H.R. 6655 *A Stronger Workforce for America Act* led by Chairwoman Virginia Foxx (R-NC-05) and Ranking Member Bobby Scott (D-VA-03). The legislation is thoughtfully crafted as it addresses the need for Americans to have greater access to skills training and education for advancing in their careers. The legislation is timely as it has been nearly 10 years since the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) was enacted, and today's workforce needs have grown and evolved significantly since that time. H.R. 6655 would help many workers obtain the skills needed for today's jobs by increasing the cap on 'incumbent worker training' funds to allow more of the current workforce to reskill and upskill, directing 50% of funds toward workforce skilling education through Individual Training Accounts (ITAs), on-the-job training, and employer-led initiatives, as well as including digital literacy skills which play a pivotal role in today's jobs.

We applaud the bipartisan leadership that has gone into passing this legislation through the committee and we urge its swift passage through the House. Thank you in advance for your consideration and commitment to addressing the United States' workforce needs.

Sincerely,



Jason Oxman
President and CEO
Information Technology Industry Council (ITI)

cc: The Honorable Virginia Foxx, Chairwoman, House Education and the Workforce Committee
The Honorable Bobby Scott, Ranking Member, House Education and the Workforce Committee