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The Honorable John Kline
Chairman, House Committee on
Education and the Workforce
2175 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable George Miller
Ranking Member, House Committee on
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Dear Chairman Kline and Ranking Member Miller:

On behalf of the Business Roundtable, an association of chief executive officers of leading U.S. companies, I am writing to express our support for the House Education and the Workforce Committee's recent focus on reauthorizing the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act (CTE). The Committee's latest hearing highlighting the importance of CTE will hopefully lead to additional discussion and the development of legislation to strengthen and improve these programs.

CTE provides over \$1 billion in federal funding for supporting career and technical education in high schools, technical schools, and community colleges for the purpose of integrating academic and career and technical education standards, providing linkages between secondary and postsecondary education, and providing professional development to educators. This law also ensures that states, schools, and postsecondary institutions are all held accountable for meeting annual levels of performance in core indicators.

The Business Roundtable supports a reauthorization of CTE that focuses on key principles such as:

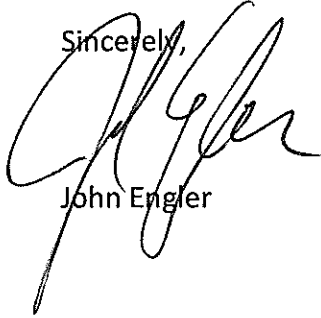
- Improving alignment between secondary schools and postsecondary CTE programs;
- Promoting increased collaboration with business and industry;
- Encouraging the alignment of CTE curriculum to labor market needs in high growth industry sectors;
- Promoting funding for programs that provide workplace experience for students;
- Updating the current accountability system; and
- Expanding the use of innovation practices such as pay-for-success, project based learning, and work-based learning programs.

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The Business Roundtable stands ready to share the business perspective on how best to improve CTE programs and help your Committee complete its work on this important legislation. Please feel free to contact Dane Linn of the Business Roundtable at (202) 496-3267 if you have any questions or need any assistance on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Engler', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

John Engler