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The Honorable Lamar Alexander Chairman Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee U.S. Senate Washington DC 20510

The Honorable Patty Murray Ranking member Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee U.S. Senate Washington DC 20510

Dear Chairman Alexander and Ranking member Murray,

at the nation s high schools and colleges.

can make a vital contribution to the renewal that s needed.

The Jobs and Careers Coalition applauds the HELP Committee for its wisdom in building on H.R. 2353, the House's version of

and adopting that bill s signature focus on career education that prepares students for existing, in-demand jobs.

We appreciate the committees emphasis on employer engagement in career education: giving business and industry an opportunity to have input and requiring educators and state and local education officials to consult with employers at virtually every state of planning, launching, implementing and evaluating a career education program or pathway.

We are also extremely pleased by the legislation s focus on work-based learning grateful for the funding made available for work-based learning at the state and local levels and through the innovation and modernization grant program. There can be no effective career-education without work