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Chairman Richard Anagnost
President Michael Power
Members of the New Hampshire Workforce Council
64 Old Suncook Road
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Dear Chairman Anagnost, President Power and Members of the New Hampshire Workforce Council:

Thank you for providing me with an opportunity to address the conference regarding the upcoming reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act, also known as WIA.

As you know, the 109th Congress adjourned without reaching an agreement on the bill, which would have reauthorized and amended the Workforce Investment Act of 1998. I have spoken with House Education and Labor Chairman George Miller (D-CA) and it is my understanding that the Committee will hold a hearing on WIA reauthorization during May and then introduce a bill in June. I am hearing that the bill will not be a comprehensive rewrite; rather, it will address several smaller issues, such as improved data collection and trainer provider eligibility rules, incentivization of creative-innovative projects, and streamlining and clarifying infrastructure organization and funding, if possible. The bill will likely also not be extended for five years to allow the Committee to seriously rewrite and revise the bill after 2008.

I look forward to closely working with you, as we again begin this process of reauthorizing WIA and I seriously value your input. If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Carol Shea-Porter
Member of Congress

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