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December 6, 2024

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Speaker Johnson, Minority Leader McConnell and
Minority Leader Jeffries,

On behalf of Rebuilding America's Middle Class (RAMC), I am writing to express support for A Stronger Workforce for America Act, the bipartisan, bicameral agreement reached to reauthorize and make critical improvements to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). We greatly appreciate the leadership and work of the Chairs and Ranking Members of the U.S. House Education and the Workforce Committee and the U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee in reaching this agreement.

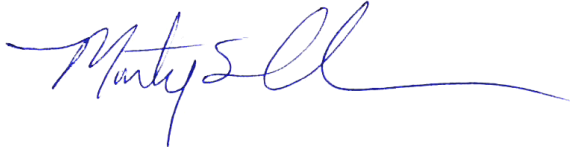
RAMC represents more than 75 community colleges and approximately 1 million students nationwide. Community colleges serve 45 percent of all first-time freshmen and 40 percent of our students are first-generation college students. Community colleges are open access, seek to make higher education accessible and affordable for everyone and match employers' need for a larger, more diverse workforce. We know the importance of preparing more Americans to enter the workforce with the skills necessary to compete for in-demand jobs.

A strengthened WIOA is critically important to advance skills and knowledge needed in America's workforce and will lead to successful careers for more Americans. Specifically, the bill will advance our current system by strengthening the relationship between employers and a pipeline of talented workers. It would also expand and improve the quality of skills development provided under the law, allowing more Americans the opportunity to acquire the skills and knowledge they need to support their families and the economy. The bill's provisions to include funding for Individual Training Accounts (ITAs) and ensure more WIOA funding is used for skilling and upskilling services are critical improvements that will have positive impacts for workers and employers alike. Too often, WIOA does not have the funding or focus to deliver the

services that workers need to succeed in our economy. RAMC recognizes the value of a WIOA more focused on skilling and upskilling and improved and better-funded ITAs.

RAMC commends the work of the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee and the House Education and the Workforce Committee on this bipartisan legislation and we urge this legislation be enacted prior to the end of this Congress. Thank you again for your bipartisan leadership on these crucial improvements for the American workforce.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Monty Sullivan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Monty Sullivan

Board President, Rebuilding America's Middle Class (RAMC)

President, Louisiana Community and Technical College System