



## If Republicans Were Serious About Investing in Training, They Would Invest in Our Current Workforce Development System

The proposed farm bill (H.R. 2) proposes to inject \$1 billion a year into unaccountable programs – paid for by cutting benefits for 2 million adults and children struggling with food insecurity. If Congress is serious about investing in our workforce, then it should invest in the evidence-based, accountable workforce development system currently authorized by the Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act (WIOA). **The House Republicans’ unserious proposal shows they prioritize cutting people off from benefits rather than putting people to work.**

	Injecting Funds into New Programs under the Farm Bill	Increasing Investments for existing WIOA Programs
<b>How is it funded?</b>	Through <b>cuts to SNAP benefits</b> that would leave <a href="#">2 million adults and children</a> at risk of food insecurity.	Through regular, annual <b>appropriations</b> . However, WIOA’s adult, dislocated and youth programs are currently underfunded \$367 million below bipartisan authorized levels.
<b>Who would be served?</b>	Most adult <b>SNAP beneficiaries</b> .	Services would be available to <b>all Americans</b> , including <b>individuals with barriers to employment</b> , such as veterans, individuals with disabilities, out-of-school youth, ex-offenders, and the long-term unemployed.
<b>When would states be able to serve workers?</b>	<b>In 2028—but not for all workers.</b> States would need to build or expand programs at a large scale to serve millions each month. CBO estimates to that <a href="#">by the end of 2028</a> , states would be able to serve most, <b>but not all</b> , beneficiaries subject to the work requirements.	<b>Almost immediately.</b> Reauthorized in 2014 on a bipartisan basis, WIOA strengthened and updated the workforce development system. Programs are up and running and can almost immediately serve workers with additional much-need investments.
<b>What level of services would be provided?</b>	<b>Limited.</b> States would have an <a href="#">average \$30 per month per participant</a> , which would barely cover basic services.	<b>High-quality.</b> WIOA programs provide high-quality employment and training services that help job seekers gain industry-recognized credentials for in-demand jobs.
<b>Is there evidence that this funding will help workers?</b>	<b>TBD.</b> While SNAP E&T currently funds many good local training programs, the scale of this expansion would be unprecedented - with huge risks to low-income workers, if we get it wrong.	<b>Yes.</b> WIOA funding prioritizes evidence-based and data-driven strategies and program models for workforce development, including career pathways and work-based learning.
<b>Is there accountability for funding?</b>	<b>No.</b> Funds would be injected into a system with no accountability for use of funds.	<b>Yes.</b> Invested funds would be subject to accountability measures that ensure training helps workers earn more money, receive credentials, and maintain employment.
<b>Does it help workers who have trouble accessing training?</b>	<b>No.</b> This proposal could actually make it harder for many families to access training by <i>adding barriers</i> and <i>taking away SNAP benefits</i> , a crucial work support.	<b>Yes.</b> WIOA provides adults, youth, and dislocated workers with supportive services, including transportation, child care, dependent care, housing, and needs-related payments, which help participants overcome barriers to accessing career and training services.