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Honorable George Miller (D-CA)  
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Dear Honorable Miller (D-CA),

Thank you for the efforts that went into the drafting the Workforce Investment Act of 2012 and for the bill's emphasis on improving services to meet the workforce, education and training needs of individuals with barriers to employment. I am particularly pleased by the inclusion of Transitional Jobs programs as an allowable use of training funds for individuals with barriers to employment. This is an important step forward in ensuring our public workforce system works for all.

The economic crisis and sluggish recovery has had an impact on everyone in my community - but especially those with barriers to employment. It is vital that transitional jobs programs, workforce development services, education and training be available for these populations as on ramps into the jobs for the future. Providing these opportunities benefits individuals, employers and communities.

Again, thank you for the efforts that went into the drafting and release of the Workforce Investment Act of 2012. Its emphasis on supporting the workforce, education and training needs of individuals with barriers to employment is clearly reflected in the inclusion of Transitional Jobs programs as an allowable use of training dollars, performance measures that take into account the characteristics of individuals with barriers to employment, and the integration of employment, education and training services to support pathways to good jobs for low-income individuals. This Act is a promising step in the right direction for individuals with barriers to employment

Sincerely,

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