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The Honorable John Boehner  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Boehner:

On behalf of the more than 140,000 members of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), I want to express our support for H.R. 803, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). NAHB appreciates that H.R. 803 is a bipartisan, bicameral compromise between the Supporting Knowledge and Investing in Lifelong Skills (SKILLS) Act, H.R. 803, and the Workforce Investment Act of 2013, S. 1356. A strong streamlined workforce system will increase investments and resources for quality training that can continue to meet the needs of jobseekers and employers. NAHB urges you to support the legislation.

NAHB strongly agrees that services related to worker training and career placement can continue to be developed on a national level in conjunction with state and local authorities which will go a long way in ensuring the programs fit the needs of today's economy. NAHB appreciates that this legislation reauthorizes the Job Corps and Youthbuild programs as federal programs operated through the U.S. Department of Labor.

In partnership with NAHB and Job Corps, the Home Building Institute (HBI) is a national leader for career training and job placement in the building industry. HBI's Job Corps training programs are national in scope but implemented locally, using proven models that can be customized to meet the workforce needs of communities across the United States and internationally. It prepares students with the skills and experience they need for successful careers through pre-apprenticeship training, job placement services, mentoring, certification programs, textbooks and curricula. With an 80 percent job placement rate for graduates, HBI Job Corps programs provide services for disadvantaged youth in 73 centers across the country.

Thank you for consideration of these views and NAHB urges you to support H.R. 803.

Sincerely,

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