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The Honorable John Kline
Chairman
House Committee on Education and
the Workforce
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Bobby Scott
Ranking Member
House Committee on Education and
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Kline and Ranking Member Scott,

Thank you for your leadership in the Education and the Workforce Committee's consideration of a bipartisan bill to reauthorize the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act. ASCD, an association representing 125,000 educators across the education profession, recognizes that passage of the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act represents an important step forward to better address today's workforce needs and provide states greater flexibility in the use of federal funds.

We appreciate that the legislation would improve access for disadvantaged students to career and technical education programs, promote work-based learning that may translate more directly into employable skills, and streamline the performance measures of the program and align them with the Every Student Succeeds Act and federal workforce laws.

Providing the highest quality K-12 education is crucial to ensure our young people are equipped to excel in today's global economy. Updating the Perkins Act is a strong step toward creating a coherent system of education that supports the whole learner. We appreciate your bipartisan effort to reauthorize the Perkins Act and look forward to working with you and the other members of your committee as this bill advances through the legislative process.

Cordially,

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