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RE: Workforce Investment Act Funding

Honorable [Senator]

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[City, CA ]

Dear

The International Association of Workforce Professionals (IAWP) is asking for your help. As you know California's economy continues to struggle with unprecedented levels of unemployment and huge budget shortfalls. For the past seventeen months the unemployment rate for California has fluctuated between 12 and 12.5 percent. Continued funding of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) is critical to California's recovery by ensuring that individuals are ready to meet the needs of today's workforce, as well as be prepared for future emerging high-demand occupations.

If funds are reduced the following services at the One-Stop Career Centers would be dramatically reduced:

- Job postings
- Job fairs
- Customized recruitment
- Applicant screening
- Skills assessment
- Interview scheduling and use of facilities
- Database of job ready and skilled applicants

The funding of these services would be eliminated:

- Labor market information databases used to create business plans
- Partial reimbursement of customized job training
- Incumbent workers skills upgrade
- On-The-Job training reimbursement

As a representative of the California IAWP we request that you oppose all legislation that threatens to reduce WIA funding in program year 2011. The IAWP is a professional association for individuals who deliver workforce service to employers and workers throughout the US and in numerous nations.

I invite you to visit a One-Stop Career Center to see firsthand the services at stake. To arrange a tour contact Veronica Champayne, IAWP Legislative Chair (916) 247-1049.

Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

IAWP Member