



National Coalition for Literacy

September 16, 2016

The Honorable Jack Reed
728 Hart Senate Office Building
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Reed:

The National Coalition for Literacy, a coalition of more than 30 leading national, state, and regional organizations dedicated to advancing adult education, family literacy, and English language acquisition in the U.S., is writing you in support of the Career and Technical Education for Adult Learners (aka the CTE for All Act), and to urge the Senate to move forward with reauthorization of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act this session.

Your bill will improve adult education's standing as a partner in the CTE framework, and adult education students as potential participants in CTE programs. The references to adult education in the definitions and purposes sections make explicit what is actual practice in some states and we believe will encourage more states to include adult education in its CTE system. It also requires more consultation with state adult education officials in their state CTE plans; consultation with representatives of adult education programs when developing local CTE needs assessments; and more explicit inclusion of adult education in certain state leadership activities.

These proposals all make sense, and will further strengthen the alignment of CTE with WIOA—while posing no additional burden or costs to states or the federal government in implementing this program.

Once again, thank you for your efforts on behalf of adult education students, and for making reauthorization of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act a priority. We urge you and your colleagues to move forward with this important legislation and applaud Congress' ongoing bipartisan commitment to invest in our nation's students, workers, and economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Carter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "C".

Jeff Carter
NCL President