

Invitation to Visit a WorkForce Center/WIB Meeting

Date

Member Name

Member Address

VIA FAX:

Dear Member Name,

We obviously are very concerned over the impact of the Continuing Resolution (H.R. 1) that has proposed an elimination of funding for the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) - our flagship program that helps serve jobseekers and businesses in our area. We are very appreciative of the Congressman's vote (No) on this topic/we are disappointed of the Congresswoman's vote (Yes) on this topic - if this were to pass the Senate in its current form, it would be devastating to the people of Minnesota and throughout the U.S.

We very much understand the two critical issues facing all of us - 1.) we need to grow jobs in this country, and 2.) we need to get a handle on our deficit. However we believe that the job training programs, such as WIA, help on both accounts. Business cannot recover if it does not have the qualified labor it needs for the emerging jobs it develops. And putting people back to work is one of the key methods of reducing the deficit. By putting people back to work and paying taxes, and reducing welfare payments to those who are now working, has consistently returned local ROI data invested in workforce development in our area.

We would like to offer the opportunity for the Congressman/woman to visit our WorkForce Center. It would be a good way to make first hand connection to the people looking for jobs and talk to the workers who are working so hard to help them. We also thought it would be great if the Congressman/woman could sit in on one of our Workforce Investment Board meetings - here we have leaders of our local communities coming together to strategize just how to make best use of our public funds in putting people back to work and growing our economy. It's very heartening to see private business, public officials and representatives of labor sit down together and cooperate over policies for the common good - something we all need more of these days.

I know the Congressman/woman's schedule is very hectic, but we'll be glad to meet anytime that is available to share our story.

Fax to Local Office:

<http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/hinfo/leginfo/cong.pdf>