



# NATIONAL YOUTH EMPLOYMENT COALITION

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Hello,

My name is [name], and I am a constituent residing in [city/town, state]. I am contacting you to express my concern with the House Appropriations Committee's proposal for its Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies (LHHS) bill.

The bill proposes to eliminate the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Youth Training program, one of the few federal funding streams that supports programs that serve opportunity youth. Additionally, the bill proposes significant cuts to other crucial programs, such as Apprenticeship and the Reentry Employment Opportunities program.

During a time where employers consistently raise concerns about a labor shortage and individuals desire in-demand skills from training programs, this bill does the opposite of what is needed. Rather than eliminations or cuts, there must be significant funding increases to these crucial programs.

**As your constituent, I urge you to work to provide increased funding for these programs in a final Fiscal Year 2025 appropriations bill.**

Thank you for considering this request.

Best,