



RE: Reauthorization of Workforce Development Programs

May 15, 2026

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House
U.S House of Representatives
521 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
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Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Johnson and Minority Leader Jeffries:

The National Demolition Association (NDA) represents nearly 500 U.S. and Canadian family-owned companies that offer standard demolition services as well as a full range of demolition-related services and products. NDA educates members on the latest advances in equipment and services, provides educational programs and tools to stay abreast of regulatory and safety matters, and keeps regulators informed about issues in our industry. NDA also increases public awareness of the economic, environmental, and societal benefits of the demolition industry.

We write today to express support for H.R. 8210, A Stronger Workforce for America Act of 2026, and urge its passage by the U.S. House of Representatives. While H.R. 8210 may require further modifications as it moves through the legislative process, the bill marks an important and constructive first step toward reauthorizing the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).

Employers across the United States continue to struggle with persistent labor shortages and challenges recruiting and retaining qualified workers. Demolition contractors rely on employees with specialized training in areas such as heavy equipment operation, environmental remediation, hazardous material handling, and workplace safety compliance. The demolition industry faces a shortage of skilled workers capable of performing these complex and highly regulated tasks safely and effectively.

NDA supports policies that encourage vocational education, apprenticeship opportunities, technical certifications, and other workforce training initiatives that help address ongoing labor shortages in the private sector. H.R. 8210 represents a crucial step toward modernizing the nation's workforce development system and better aligning training programs with the needs of today's industries.

We appreciate the legislation's focus on expanding employer engagement and creating greater flexibility for employers, trade associations, nonprofits, and educational institutions to help develop high-quality training programs that better prepare workers for long-term career success. Federal workforce policy should continue encouraging these partnerships and supporting programs that prepare workers for lifelong careers in skilled trades.



NDA believes H.R. 8210 provides a strong foundation for bipartisan collaboration on workforce development policy in Congress. We respectfully urge both parties to work together to reauthorize WIOA and advance bipartisan workforce policies that support the demolition industry, American workers, and the nation's long-term economic competitiveness.

For any further questions, please contact NDA's Director of Government Affairs, Alex McIntyre, at amcintyre@demolitionassociation.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Lambert".

Jeff Lambert
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