



KENTUCKY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

August 19, 2010

The Honorable Hal Rogers
U.S. Congressman
2406 Rayburn House Office Bldg
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Rogers:

The Kentucky Workforce Investment Board works closely with all 10 local workforce investment areas that make up the Commonwealth of Kentucky. We are fortunate to have among our local workforce areas Eastern Kentucky C.E.P., Inc. (EKCEP), one of only three rural concentrated employment programs (CEP) in the nation. Under the current law--the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA) which is up for reauthorization--rural CEPs are granted automatic designation as a local workforce investment area. Because of EKCEP's positive impact on workforce development in Kentucky, we ask for your support in ensuring that rural CEPs continue to be automatically designated as local workforce areas when reauthorization occurs.

EKCEP is a consistently high performing local area and their board and staff demonstrate innovative leadership on many fronts. Their efforts to assure a demand-driven, business-led workforce system are commendable and have gleaned recognition from around the country. Their current research project to identify the future workforce needs of their business clients is key to the economic success of the region and is serving as a model for the rest of the state.

In short, the workforce development system is more progressive and workforce services are more effective in Kentucky because of the presence of EKCEP. Automatic designation as a local workforce area will afford the autonomy and stability needed to ensure EKCEP's record of innovation and achievement will continue without interruption. Please lend your support and help rural CEPs retain their automatic designation as local workforce investment areas in WIA reauthorization.

Sincerely,

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Ed Holmes
Chairman

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Tom West
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The Honorable Ben Chandler
U.S. Congressman
504 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Jim Bunning
U.S. Senator
316 Hart Building
Washington, DC 20510-000

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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
U.S. Senator
361-A Russell Senate Office Building
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