



August 5, 2025

The Honorable Jon Ossoff
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: Support for the Skilled Workforce Act of 2025 (S.2664)

Dear Senator Ossoff,

On behalf of the Fayette Chamber of Commerce, I write to express our strong support for the **Skilled Workforce Act of 2025 (S.2664)**. Not a day goes by where I do not hear a story from a small business, corporation, nonprofit, or government entity expressing the challenge of finding skilled labor and talent. This legislation represents a forward-thinking and impactful approach to addressing the shortage of skilled workers to meet the demands of a rapidly evolving economy.

As outlined in your proposal, Georgia currently faces a significant labor gap, with only 74 available workers for every 100 open jobs. This imbalance threatens the growth and competitiveness of our local industries, particularly in advanced manufacturing, energy, construction, and transportation. The Skilled Workforce Act offers a practical solution by incentivizing private investment in the physical infrastructure and equipment needed to expand and modernize workforce training programs at public secondary schools, technical colleges, and career academies.

By establishing a competitive tax credit for qualified workforce training projects, your bill will empower companies to partner directly with educational institutions to build high-quality, in-demand training pipelines. This approach not only strengthens our workforce but also ensures that training programs are aligned with regional economic needs and sustainable over the long term.

The Fayette Chamber is committed to fostering economic development and workforce readiness in our community. We believe the Skilled Workforce Act will be a catalyst for innovation, opportunity, and prosperity for Fayette County businesses across Georgia. We urge Congress to advance this important legislation and stand ready to support its implementation.

Thank you for your leadership and dedication to building a stronger, more resilient workforce.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leonardo McClarty". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Leonardo McClarty, CCE
President & CEO, Fayette Chamber of Commerce

