

**TO: WIB**

**DATE: 5/08/08**

**FROM: WIB Staff**

**For Action**

**For Information**

**For Discussion**

**SUBJECT: Advocacy**

**PROPOSED MOTION(S): Information only.**

**DISCUSSION: Letters were sent to Senators Diane Feinstein and Barbara Boxer on April 8, 2008, thanking them for signing on to the Cantwell/Collins dear colleague letter regarding the Workforce Investment Act that had been submitted to the Labor – HHS Appropriations Subcommittee. The letter asked to reject the Administration’s proposed cuts and restore funding levels back to current levels.**

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

**One letter to Senator Diane Feinstein**

**One letter to Senator Barbara Boxer**



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April 8, 2008

The Honorable Diane Feinstein  
331 Hart Senate Office Bldg  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Feinstein:

Thank you for signing on to the Cantwell/Collins dear colleague letter regarding the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) that has been submitted to the Labor-HHS Appropriations subcommittee. The rejection of the Administration's proposed finding cuts, and a restoration of funding levels back to current levels at a minimum are critical.

Your support of the Nation's workforce is the keystone for the health of our economy. Approximately 80% of the workforce in the next 20 years is already working. These workers must continue to learn new skills in order that the Nation's productivity continues, and we can compete globally. Additionally, your support of the Workforce System is appreciated by the hundreds of private sector business volunteers who serve on local Workforce Investment Boards. Like you, their goal is to help their citizens and businesses create and sustain a healthy economy. The WIA is the primary tool that leverages resources in every community to achieve that goal.

Sincerely,

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