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The Honorable Glenn "GT" Thompson

United States House of Representatives
400 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Representative Thompson:

On behalf of NAF, I want to thank you for your leadership in championing the *Skills Investment Act* (H.R. 7517 in the 118th Congress), which would convert Coverdell education savings accounts into lifelong learning accounts. This change will allow Americans of all ages to pursue new job skills and improve their career prospects.

NAF is a national non-profit that brings schools and businesses together to transform the high school experience and better align education and workforce opportunities through career focused academies. Our academies are integrated into existing public high schools and put students – especially students who may lack access – on a path to achieving their full potential. Through integrating industry partners in our academy design and implementation, NAF ensures businesses have the skilled and diverse workforce pipeline they need to strengthen their local communities and to compete globally.

We are committed to ensuring educators, local education agencies, and workforce development boards work seamlessly together to support college and career readiness programs for our nation's high school students. The *Skills Investment Act* would aid this effort by making both education and skills training eligible expenses, removing the age limit, upping the annual contribution maximum, and adding tax advantages. NAF supports this effort to further enhance education and workforce training.

NAF appreciates both your leadership and that of your cosponsors Rep. Schneider, Rep. Fitzpatrick, and Rep. Bonamici in reintroducing the *Skills Investment Act* and stands ready to assist in any way we can. Please reach out to Jennifer Pautz, Assistant Vice President of Policy & Advocacy, at jpautz@naf.org.

Sincerely,

Lisa Dughi
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