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The Honorable Hank Johnson
United States House of Representatives
2240 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-1004

Dear Congressman Johnson:

Our nation is facing some of the highest unemployment numbers in decades and reform is greatly needed in this area. The Supporting Knowledge and Investing in Lifelong Skills (SKILLS) Act is a step in the right direction. Eliminating the ineffective and redundant programs will allow for a more streamlined, efficient program. The Workforce Investment Fund will be more user-friendly and will provide the much needed support for our workers and employers.

Effective training is critical in making sure employees have the most up-to-date skills. Creating easier access to job training through the SKILLS Act will help our state produce more qualified workers. On a state level, we are increasing transparency and the effectiveness of our own workforce programs.

The SKILLS Act will help Georgia and other states who are facing the harsh impacts of this economy. While there are many beneficial aspects to the SKILLS Act, we will never see the impact if this legislation is not passed. I encourage your support of HR 803, the SKILLS Act. Its passage will help our state continue on the path to successful economic recovery.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nathan Deal".

Nathan Deal

cc: Georgia Congressional Delegation