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Over the past few years, workforce development has seen significant funding cuts and NAWDP has been working to turn that trend around. After more than a year of calling on Congress to undo harmful sequestration cuts, they finally listened and partially restored funding for workforce development programs for fiscal year (FY) 2014.

**We need your help again so federal workforce programs get the largest possible allocation.**

Please join NAWDP and other national organizations by [signing a letter](#) to appropriators on the Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittees (the committees with jurisdiction over most education, workforce and job training programs) asking them for a FY 2015 302(b) allocation at the FY 2010 level of \$163.6 billion and to end sequestration.

We are accepting signatures from national, state, and local organizations, institutions, businesses, companies, **But no individuals- it must be organizations.**

To date, more than 400 organizations have signed onto this letter. We hope you will lend your organization's support to this effort.

**[TO SIGN YOUR ORGANIZATION ON THE LETTER, CLICK HERE BY MARCH 7](#)**

### **What is the 302(b) letter?**

The 302(b) allocation is the amount of funding the Appropriations Committees provide to the subcommittees. The subcommittees then divvy up the funding between the agencies and programs within their respective jurisdictions. The Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee has jurisdiction over discretionary health, education, workforce development, and social service programs.

**In real terms...the bigger the allocations, the better our chances of securing funding for these agencies and programs - or in the current environment, preventing further cuts.**

### **Why should your organization sign the letter?**

At this stage in the funding process, discretionary programs are competing for funding with all of the other non-defense discretionary programs within the spending cap established by the budget act.

Without a strong 302(b) allocation for Labor-HHS-Education, there is very little chance of increasing funding for your priorities. And there is an even greater likelihood that your priorities will be cut.

**What happens once my organization signs?**

All signatures will be added to the letter and sent to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees in mid-March. We will forward you a copy of the letter for your records.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at [Bridget@nawdp.org](mailto:Bridget@nawdp.org) or 202/589-1790.

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