

April 24, 2024

The Honorable Virginia Foxx  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Education & the Workforce  
United States Congress  
2176 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Foxx:

On behalf of the more than 159,000 dentist members of the American Dental Association (ADA), we are writing to thank you for introducing and advancing H.R. 6655, the A Stronger Workforce for America Act. The vast majority of America's dentists are finding it very challenging to hire professional dental staff, and this bill's commitment to increased support for skills development would be a step towards alleviating this challenge. ADA was encouraged to see H.R. 6655 be passed by the House of Representatives, and will advocate for the bill to be taken up and passed by the Senate.

The A Stronger Workforce for America Act would update and improve the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), a law that established many important workforce development programs. Updates include individual training accounts for upskilling and on the job learning, strengthening community college workforce education programs to align with needed jobs like dental hygiene and dental assisting, and providing new flexibility for states to create innovative workforce programs.

Improving the dental workforce pipeline so that all Americans can have better access to dental care is among the ADA's top priorities, and you can count on the ADA as a partner in your efforts to address deficits in our workforce.

If you have any questions, or would like further discuss ADA's priorities for addressing problems in the dental workforce, please contact Chris Tampio at 202-789-5178 or at [tampioc@ada.org](mailto:tampioc@ada.org).

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