



Construction Industry Round Table

CIRT Legislative News

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05/30/2018 – CIRT / Industry Supports JOBS Act

As a member of the Opportunity America, Jobs & Career Coalition, CIRT has joined a cross-section of business organizations and industries to support passage of a bill designed to add millions of potential employees to the job market. The “*Jobs and Opportunity with Benefits and Services (JOBS) for Success Act*” (H.R. 5861), legislation seeks to reform and reauthorize the nation’s \$30 billion-a-year “Temporary Assistance for Needy Families” (TANF) program. The key purpose of the bill is to focus on preparing TANF recipients to get and hold jobs, thereby potentially bringing seven (7) million working-age men, who have dropped out of the labor force, back into the job market. [[See, Background on the TANF program](#)].

In a joint communication to the House Ways and Means Committee, the Coalition applauded “the way the JOBS for Success Act overhauls TANF to restore its emphasis on work.” Noting in part: “members of our coalition believe that able-bodied adults who receive cash, food, housing and other benefits from the government should be required to work or prepare for work as a condition of receiving this assistance. We see work as the centerpiece of a rewarding life – the reflection of value to our society as well as the foundation of self-worth and dignity.” [[See, Coalition Letter for details](#)].