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12/11/2017 – Bill to Reform Higher Education to Meet Market Needs Moves Forward

In what is rapidly becoming a very busy holiday legislative season, the House Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development is moving forward with plans to “mark-up” (i.e., formally go through the bill section by section) H.R. 4508. CIRT has joined with its Opportunity America Coalition partners to strongly endorse the goals and objectives of the bill’s reforms, in part saying the *Promoting Real Opportunity, Success and Prosperity through Education Reform Act*: “lays out a bold, ambitious vision for realigning higher education with 21st-century labor market needs.” The Opportunity America Coalition has stressed to policy-makers that business and industry have a real stake in the nation’s huge investment in higher education which should be innovative and inclusive to help ensure that the outcomes are students educated with skills needed to fill the high-demand, high-paying jobs required to succeed in the modern workplace. [For details, see the attached [Primer on the subject](#), and the [Opportunity America letter](#)].