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July 11, 2019

The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Chairman
U.S. Senate Committee on Finance
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Ron Wyden
Ranking Member
U.S. Senate Committee on Finance
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Wyden,

I am writing to introduce you to the Partnership for Transportation Innovation and Opportunity (PTIO) and to express our support for measures that would update the tax code to support American workers who seek to take advantage of opportunities for lifelong learning and skills development. The Skills Investment Act of 2019 (S. 275 / H.R. 898), introduced by Senators Amy Klobuchar and Ben Sasse and Representatives Derek Kilmer and Glenn Thompson, and the Lifelong Learning and Training Account Act of 2019 (S. 539), introduced by Senators Mark Warner and Chris Coons, are two such measures.

PTIO – whose members include **The American Trucking Associations, Daimler, FedEx, Ford, Lyft, Toyota Motor North America, Uber, and Waymo** – was formed in June 2018 with a commitment to advance autonomous vehicle (AV) technology in ways that improve quality of life and economic opportunity for all Americans. We support innovation in the transportation sector and believe advances in AV technology have the potential to improve the ways we connect people, goods, and services. We also recognize, however, that widespread deployment of AV technology is likely to bring changes to our economy and may impact our workforce. PTIO is committed to establishing a comprehensive understanding of AVs and the future of work and subsequently pursuing data-driven and evidence-based policies that will help workers navigate the transition to AVs.

We believe that fostering a culture of lifelong learning is a valuable first step in empowering workers to succeed alongside an evolving workplace. Continuing advancements in existing technology – as well as innovations that have yet to emerge – necessitate that we reconsider an existing educational model that traditionally concludes prior to the beginning of a career. A recent study estimates that up to 85 percent of the available jobs in 2030 do not yet exist.¹ Other research suggests that autonomous vehicle technology holds the potential to open up 2 million

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job opportunities for populations previously excluded from the labor market due to mobility limitations.² Both studies stress the need for policies that support ongoing training for an American workforce that must operate and compete in an era defined by innovation and change.

PTIO believes the Skills Investment Act of 2019 and the Lifelong Learning and Training Account Act of 2019 are bills that would enable workers to retool their skill set over the course of their career as their work needs evolve. We believe both bills include common-sense reforms to the tax code that are responsive to the needs of the 21st century American workforce.

PTIO considers the creation of a policy framework conducive to lifelong learning as an important component to our efforts to prepare the workforce for AV technology. We stand ready to provide our expertise and assistance to the Committee and its members as it considers these and related issues.

Thank you for your continued leadership.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Branson
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² Securing America's Future Energy, "America's Workforce and the Self-Driving Future." 2018.



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U.S. House Committee on Ways and Means
1102 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kevin Brady
Ranking Member
U.S. House Committee on Ways and Means
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Dear Chairman Neal and Ranking Member Brady,

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