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Attachments: WIA Set-Aside Talking Points FY 2014.pdf

NGA WIA Set-Aside Comparison May2013.pdf

NGA EdW WIA Letter (5 6 13).pdf

I thought you all would be interested in the attached email and documents that outline the NGA position in restoring the Governors' 15% set aside money from the current 5%. Note the hit South Carolina took which is one of the biggest.

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Greetings,

On behalf of governors, NGA distributed and shared the attached letter, talking points, and funding chart with congressional offices to advocate for the full restoration of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) 15 percent set-aside.

Please reinforce and share with your congressional delegations. If you have any questions, please contact: Joan Wodiska – jwodiska@nga.org or 202.624.5361 or Craig Sundstrom – csundstrom@nga.org or 202.624.3623.
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From: Wodiska, Joan

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To: Congressional Staff

From: Joan Wodiska and Craig Sundstrom, National Governors Association

Re: Governors Support the WIA 15 Percent Set-Aside for Statewide Activities

Today, the nation's governors sent a letter urging Congress to restore the full 15 percent WIA set-aside for statewide activities in FY2014 appropriations. The letter is attached for your reference.

In the letter, governors wrote, *"Bicameral, bipartisan support for reestablishing the set-aside is evident. In the FY 2013 appropriations process, both the Senate and House acknowledged the importance of flexible federal funds for job creation by proposing set-aside restoration. And for the first time in years, the President also proposed partial restoration to the set-aside as part of his FY 2014 budget. Though governors welcome and appreciate these efforts, the WIA set-aside needs to be restored to the full 15 percent in FY 2014 appropriations."*

Governors urge Congress to restore the full 15 percent WIA set-aside for statewide activities in either the FY2014 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations bill or any FY2014 Continuing Resolution. The 15 percent WIA set-aside has provided vital employment and training services to the nation's job seekers and businesses. As a result, the National Governors Association strongly supported the House FY 2013 appropriations language to fully restore the 15% WIA set-aside for statewide activities.

Attached you will also find talking points supporting set-aside restoration and a chart showing the drastic reduction in flexible state funding to support workforce innovation. Please do not hesitate to contact NGA staff with any questions.

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