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Business Roundtable Welcomes Passage of Career and Technical Education Legislation

Business Roundtable this week praised the U.S. House for its bipartisan passage of [H.R. 2353](#), the *Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act*, urging the Senate to quickly follow suit. The legislation reauthorizes and modernizes the *Perkins Act*, the statutory foundation for many career and technical (CTE) programs. “Career and technical education works best at the local level, where people can gain the skills required to succeed in today’s workplace,” said Wes Bush of Northrop Grumman, Chair of BRT’s Education and Workforce Committee. “The updated *Perkins Act* will help ensure that those programs are effective, meeting the needs of employees and employers alike.” In [a May letter](#), BRT outlined its priorities for CTE legislation, including accountability, business involvement, and state and local innovation.

House Passes BRT-Backed Bipartisan Bill to Encourage Hiring of TANF Recipients

A House bill passed today will give recipients of Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF) a better opportunity to work and succeed, Business Roundtable [wrote in a letter to the legislation’s sponsors](#). “Business Roundtable CEOs believe earn-and-learn programs help people become familiar with the workplace, gain needed skills, and earn a wage,” wrote Wes Bush of Northrop Grumman, Chair of BRT’s Education and Workforce Committee. “In many inner cities, the unemployment rate for young people is distressingly high, but their prospects improve dramatically if they find a first-time job.” [H.R. 2842](#), the *Accelerating Individuals into the Workforce Act*, sponsored by Reps. Carlos Curbelo (R-FL) and Danny Davis (D-IL), passed the House today on a vote of 377-34.

Business Roundtable ‘Fly-In’ Brings Pro-Growth Tax Reform Message to Washington

Tax directors from 26 member companies held more than 30 meetings with the White House, Treasury, and key policymakers in Congress this week. In the meetings Wednesday, the directors stressed the importance of passing tax reform in 2017, the costs associated with delay, and reinforced BRT’s key principles and policies for tax reform – competitive business tax rates and a modern international tax system. The New Democrat Coalition, with about 30 members in attendance, also welcomed the tax directors for a luncheon discussion, with opening remarks by Joshua Bolten, President & CEO of Business Roundtable, and a productive question-and-answer session.

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