

I write to request your support for level funding of adult education in the FY26 appropriations conferencing that is happening now.

Adult education serves a vital role in the provision of foundational skills necessary for career and technical education, along with credentialing, the military, and more. Without adult education, millions of Americans (and thousands of Ohioans) would lose access to the program.

Adult Education is a critical part of the Nation's workforce development system (and the core educational partner of WIOA).

Adult Education is where adults in Ohio go to achieve their GED, and is also where low-skilled adults get the foundational skills they need for job training and preparation programs (such as CTE programs and apprenticeships), and in-demand employment. [Over 800,000 Ohioans and over 40 million Americans are in need of adult education services.](#)

Please support level funding for Title II of WIOA (Adult Education), following the Senate's LHHS-E bill which has the following language:

- That \$729,167,000 shall be for AEFLA, of which \$13,712,000 shall be for national leadership activities under section 242.
- [Sec. 313] The Secretary shall award to each State an amount as required under the applicable provisions of AEFLA for each formula grant program to which funds are appropriated in this Act on the date such funds become available for obligation.
- {Sec. 512} None of the funds made available in this Act may be transferred to any department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States Government, except pursuant to a transfer made by, or transfer authority provided in, this Act or any other appropriation Act.

Adult Education is provided in every community across Ohio. It strengthens Ohio's workforce and its economy, two things you say you care about for Ohio. Please support funding for Adult Education.

Thank you,