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The Honorable Bernie Sanders  
Chair  
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee  
428 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington D.C. 20510

The Honorable Bill Cassidy  
Ranking Member  
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee  
428 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
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Dear Chair Sanders and Ranking Member Cassidy,

On behalf of The U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM) and the nation's mayors, I am writing in support of the Pathways to Paychecks Act. This bill will make it easier to coordinate workforce services in cities by permitting states and locals the flexibility that best suits their needs, thereby resulting in additional efficiencies in the provision and administration of Wagner-Peyser Act-funded activities and in their staffing of certain activities funded by the Wagner-Peyser Act.

As the U.S. Department of Labor and Congress are aware, local employment service offices are required to be co-located in the One-Stop Center system created under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014. Providing states with the option of adopting a staffing solution most compatible with the delivery of quality services in their states, including contracting with the local workforce development boards to staff Wagner Peyser services, will allow for the greatest efficiency in the use of the funds.

We look forward to working with you to ensure that states and locals can continue to choose the staffing models that best meet their goals for quality service to workers and employers, and that this flexibility is codified within the Wagner-Peyser statute.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Cochran".

Tom Cochran  
CEO and Executive Director  
The U.S. Conference of Mayors