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Dear Senate Education Committee:

My name is Craig Kolins, President of the SE Works Board of Directors. SE Work's mission is to disrupt poverty by offering education, training and employment services to multi-barriered and low-income individuals.

I am writing to express my support for Senate Bill 623, the COVID Recovery and Workforce Modernization Act of 2021. SB 623 creates a framework to ensure our public workforce system is responsive to the needs of individuals and communities most affected by COVID-19, supports local engagement and priorities, and sets the stage for continuous improvement of public workforce investments and programs.

The actions required by SB 623 will allow us to rapidly respond to the current needs of our job seekers, workers and businesses, and promote ongoing improvement of our public workforce system. Specifically, SB 623 aligns State and local goals and objectives, increases transparency and accountability of public workforce investments, improves community engagement and responsiveness to local needs, and supports positive systemic change.

On behalf of the SE Works Board of Directors and the communities we serve, I urge you to support SB 623.

Best Regards,

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig Kolins". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Craig Kolins
President, SE Works, Inc.