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Chair Hartman, Vice Chairs Nguyen and Scharf, Memembers of the Committee,

I am in support of learning more about the impacts of the ERDC waitlist. I would recommend adding “apprentice parents who are training in non-construction occupations” to the list of groups that may be impacted by the waitlist. Particularly some of the newer apprenticeship programs in service occupations in health care, in child care and early childhood education, and in behavioral health may have apprentice parents who might struggle to complete their training without ERDC being available.

In construction trades ERDC provides subsidies to apprentices through interagency agreements with the Bureau of Labor and Industries, so those apprentices are not presently impacted by the waitlist.

Regards,

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