



October 5, 2011

Mr. Stephen E. Nowlan
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250 Willow Springs Dr.
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Dear Mr. Nowlan:

On behalf of the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce, I write to express support for the Center for America's *10 x 20 Pledge*. The national campaign's goal is to mobilize the American public to support local efforts to expand vocational skills training opportunities in local communities to address the projected shortage of 10 million skilled workers by 2020.

The South Carolina Chamber is the unified voice of business and premier advocacy organization in the state. The Chamber creates prosperity for all citizens through an economy of increased productivity and global competitiveness. Our members know that in order to compete in the global economy, it is necessary to maintain a well-trained and superior workforce.

The growing manufacturing sector in South Carolina presents an extraordinary opportunity to create thousands of jobs that will require significant technical expertise to fill emerging technology positions. It is critical for quality training programs to be available to provide workers with the necessary skills.

We know there is a growing need for skilled workers in South Carolina and throughout the nation that will only increase in years to come. The South Carolina Chamber of Commerce supports the *10 x 20 Pledge* to bring awareness to this challenge and will assist in any way possible to meet the goal of training 10 million skilled workers by 2020.

Sincerely,

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