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USET Resolution No. 2012:027

OPPOSITION TO H.R. 3610, "STREAMLINE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ACT" AND H.R. 3611 "THE LOCAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND BUSINESS SUCCESS ACT"

- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-six (26) federally recognized Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the actions taken by the USET Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member Tribe, as the Board of Directors comprises delegates from the member Tribes' leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** H.R. 3610, "Streamline Workforce Development Act of 2011," introduced by Representative Virginia Fox (R-NC), amends Workforce Investment Act (WIA) to consolidate 30 programs and eliminate three of the 47 federal workforce training programs; and
- WHEREAS,** one of the three programs proposed to be eliminated is the U.S. Department of Labor's Division of Indian and Native American Programs (DINAP), a program that directly supports Indian Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the funding from this program would then be "streamlined through each State through a Workforce Investment Fund," eliminating all DINAP WIA Sec.166 and P. L. 102-477 American Indian grantees; and
- WHEREAS,** Indian Tribes have always advocated for direct funding from the Federal Government and the proposed process identified above is disadvantageous to Indian Tribes, specifically for those Tribes whose relationship with the State governments are strained; and
- WHEREAS,** the bills would dramatically restructure the WIA, and the Workforce Investment Funds would be under the control of each State Governor; and
- WHEREAS,** H.R. 3611, "The Local Job Opportunities and Business Success Act," introduced by Representative Joe Heck (R-NV), would mandate that two-thirds of all workforce investment board members be employers, and would eliminate representation requirements for WIA partner programs, local educational entities, and labor organizations; and
- WHEREAS,** dramatically restructuring the composition of local workforce investment boards significantly limits the voice of community-based organizations, community colleges, and other key workforce system stakeholders, including American Indian communities; therefore, be it

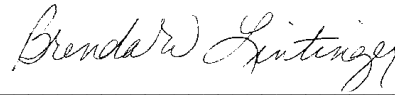
RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors opposes the elimination of the U.S. Department of Labor’s Division of Indian and Native American Programs Workforce Investment Act, Sec. 166 and P. L. 102-477, and further opposes H.R. 3610 and H.R. 3611 respectively.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Arlington, VA, on Thursday, February 16, 2012.



Brian Patterson, President
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Brenda Lintinger, Secretary
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