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NCDA Stands in Support of the National Apprenticeship Act of 2021

Broken Arrow, OK – February 1, 2021 – The National Career Development Association (NCDA), a professional association dedicated to career counseling and development, is in support of the National Apprenticeship Act of 2021. NCDA has officially signed on as a supporter of this Act.

“A competitive global economy requires workers who make informed career choices to prepare for skilled professions,” states Dr. Seth Hayden, NCDA President. As the US enters the post pandemic recession, NCDA is dedicated to helping the job seekers prepare for a purposeful career path to ensure gainful employment best utilizing one’s skills and talent. NCDA recognizes that apprenticeships are important to develop a skilled labor force.

By investing in skill development through apprenticeship, employers gain a pipeline of skilled workers, increase productivity, and improve their profitability. It is evident, from past times of economic uncertainty, that apprenticeship opportunities have declined. The USDOL reported that between 2008-2011 apprenticeships declined by 86,000, a drop of 20 percent. The decline was tied to low demand for labor in manufacturing, construction, and the building trades during the Great Recession of 2007 to 2009. (USDOL Apprenticeship Statistics, National Registered Apprenticeship Results 2016) NCDA urges Congress to pass the National Apprenticeship Act of 2021 to help improve the US economy in its post COVID-19 recovery.

For a fact sheet on the *National Apprenticeship Act of 2021*, click [here](#).

For a section-by-section of the *National Apprenticeship Act of 2021*, click [here](#).

For the bill text of the *National Apprenticeship Act of 2021*, click [here](#).

About NCDA:

The National Career Development Association, founded in 1913, is a non-profit organization dedicated to career counselors and other career service providers. NCDA mission is to provide professional development, publications, standards, and advocacy to practitioners and educators who inspire and empower individuals to achieve their career and life goals. NCDA’s vision is for all people to attain fulfilling career and life goals.

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