

March 8, 2017

The Honorable Kevin Brady Chairman House Ways and Means Committee 1102 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Brady:

On behalf of the National Association of State Workforce Agencies (NASWA), I want to reinforce our view that states be granted the flexibility to implement policies that best fit the needs of each of our states and that states are never obligated to unfunded mandates.

I wish to express my appreciation and support of your leadership in both the introduction and passage in the House of H.J. Res. 42, which would provide such additional flexibility regarding states' ability to drug test individuals who apply for unemployment insurance (UI).

I encourage the Senate to take similar action to ensure that states have the flexibility restored to implement policies that best fits their needs.

I am available to work with you and your colleagues in the Senate on this issue moving forward.

Sincerely,

Scott B. Sanders Executive Director