

## Letters

### Act will help boost work force equality

Dear Editor:

Over a decade has passed since the latest adjustments to any work force programs through which time Americans have been dealing with the growing impact of the of its longest war in the Middle East and its largest economic downturn since the 1930s. Fortunately, the reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act offers a window of opportunity for Americans and lawmakers to and agree on a piece of legislation that crosses partisan lines and allows for adjusting and updating the largest single source of federal funding for work force development.

When society is being affected by so many complicated and diverse problems such as economic growth and meeting the health needs of families and returning veterans, a system of programs focused on educating a 21st-century work force of eager-to-learn and ready-to-train citizens is sorely needed.

Just this past month on July 31, the United States Senate Committee on Health, Educa-

tion Labor and Pensions agreed by a vote of 18-3 to support a 2013 Workforce Investment bill (S.1356) that finally reauthorizes the Workforce Investment Act, including the Rehabilitation Act. This has been a long-standing priority of the Independent Living Community and many of its national organizations and networks of advocates around the country due to the particular influence the Rehab Act holds over these organizations. Among many significant changes included in this year's proposal, is the creation of an Independent Living Administration and relocation of the Independent Living Program from the Rehabilitation Services Administration in the Department of Education to the Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Community Living.

The complexity, size, and scope of the Workforce Investment Act should not be understated, and such a vital and influential support system should be given serious consideration by our representatives in Washington, D.C.

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### They can be replaced

Dear Editor:

What is it with our so-called career politicians? After being elected for numerous terms, they believe they are a God and what they say and do has no fault.

People, you have to realize politicians are not indispensable. You have to realize that, after having a job for 20 years, even yourself can be thrown to the side and your position can be filled with a competent individual. Even though you think you were the best person for your position, there is always someone that could be a little better for the job.

Please, this coming year during election time, seriously think about throwing out these career politicians and electing someone new with better ideas how government should work for the betterment of us taxpayers. Not for the betterment of these career politicians.

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