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Dear Collaborator in Education,

Career and Technical Education (CTE) is the foundation of what makes this country strong and viable. CTE is at work in the homes we live in, from the critical skills we use with architects who design homes to the carpenters, plumbers and electricians who build them. CTE is also at work in every service we need and use daily from health care to child care to food service. There is not a day that goes by that you could live without CTE; CTE professionals are everywhere and the impact is immeasurable.

The American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) knows this all too well. AAFCS deals with the complex social and economic issues head on and helps their members, and all Family and Consumer Science (FCS) professionals, to make positive impacts on students in their career journey. AAFCS leadership sees the need for industry recognized certifications and credentials for students in their career journey. In response to this need, they developed a series of AAFCS Credentialing Programs, such as the Pre-Professional Assessment and Certification (Pre-PAC), to help students along the way and to ensure good quality certification is provided within secondary and postsecondary education.

The purpose of the AAFCS Credentialing Programs is to ensure students graduate from high school globally competitive for work and postsecondary education and validate the student knowledge and skill attainment. Students completing these industry-recognized certifications, such as the Pre-Professional Assessment and Certification (Pre-PAC), will stand out in a field of job applicants.

Realityworks believes that national competency-based assessment and corresponding certification serves an important role in documenting industry skills and career readiness. Given the ongoing scrutiny of CTE funding and variety of assessments within education, we strongly encourage others to not only consider the use of the AAFCS Pre-PAC program, but utilize and advocate for the program as a valuable tool and service to a variety of stakeholders, including students, parents, and members of the business community.

Realityworks values and respects energy and work you put forth to build a better future for our economy.

Regards,



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