

Dear Representative \_\_\_\_\_:

As a [insert profession and certification designation], I am writing to express my strong support for H.R. 5339, the Freedom to Invest in Tomorrow's Workforce Act, and encourage you to co-sponsor this bipartisan legislation. H.R. 5339, introduced in December 2019 by Reps. Spanberger and Wittman, will allow individuals like me to have greater flexibility in pursuing educational and career opportunities and will help more people enter and thrive in the workforce.

H.R. 5339 would amend the tax code to permit beneficiaries to use funds in 529 savings plans for expenses associated with obtaining or maintaining postsecondary credentials, which include professional certificates or certifications. In particular, individuals would be able to use their 529 funds to pay for costs related to certification exams and certification maintenance, such as practice exams, test prep materials, exam fees, continuing education fees, and renewal dues.

By enabling people to use 529 funds to cover these expenses, H.R. 5339 would greatly expand the reach of 529 plans to cover people like me, who are seeking to advance in their occupations, or people who are entering the workforce. These benefits would be available to individuals who are not pursuing a college degree and those who have already earned a degree and entered the workforce but need a professional certification to progress in their field or to change career paths. H.R. 5339 would ease barriers to these opportunities by covering expenses necessary to achieve this career advancement.

Therefore, I encourage you and your colleagues to cosponsor H.R. 5339 and push for its advancement through the legislative process. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,