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VICE PRESIDENT, GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

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The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
California State Governor
California State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 13 (Wyland)
Position: Support

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

CMTA supports this bill that would have school districts seeking funding for new facilities to provide information related to the availability of career technical education (CTE) programs at the proposed facilities. The Department of Education would be required to maintain the answers in a publicly accessible manner and provide a summary to the Office of Public School Construction which then would be required to post it on its website.

In the last few decades, there has been an alarming decline in the number of CTE courses offered in the public schools and the number of students enrolled in CTE. Many students are not being prepared in K-12 to enter the workforce or to achieve certificate level skills post-graduation.

At the same time, there is an unmet need in our economy for highly-paid skilled workers in manufacturing, health sciences, construction, etc. The forecast is for the gap between supply and demand to grow wider in the coming years. It is vitally important that we begin to restore CTE facilities and courses to provide a career focus for all students and technical skills for the majority of students who will not receive a four year college degree.

We respectfully ask for your signature on SB 13.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Rothrock

cc: Mr. Chris Kahn, Legislative Affairs Secretary, Office of the Governor