

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 198

Rep. Tisdell offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to urge Congress to support legislation to  
2 strengthen the Workforce Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC).

3 Whereas, The Workforce Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC)  
4 encourages businesses to hire employees in certain groups that face  
5 significant barriers to employment. The credit helps to defer the  
6 costs of recruiting, training, and employing these individuals; and

7 Whereas, Since its creation, the WOTC has not kept up-to-date  
8 with rising labor costs. The maximum credit amount has not been  
9 updated since the credit was created in 1996, limiting its  
10 effectiveness in incentivizing businesses to hire individuals from  
11 the targeted groups; and

12 Whereas, The economic effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic have  
13 made it more important than ever to strengthen the WOTC. The credit

1 targets jobs to those groups that have been disproportionately  
2 impacted by the pandemic. Increasing the credit amount will also  
3 help businesses to recover from the pandemic by defraying the costs  
4 of hiring these individuals as labor costs rise; and

5       Whereas, Legislation has been introduced to strengthen the  
6 WOTC. H.R. 3449 of 2021, also known as the Hiring Incentive to  
7 Return Employment (HIRE) Act, would temporarily increase the credit  
8 amount for all targeted groups for two years. The bill would also  
9 eliminate the credit's prohibition on rehiring employees for this  
10 two-year period; now, therefore, be it

11       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge  
12 Congress to support legislation to strengthen the Workforce  
13 Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC); and be it further

14       Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the  
15 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the  
16 President of the United States Senate, and the Michigan  
17 congressional delegation.