Statement from James Brown, Executive Director, STEM Education Coalition on the Innovations in Mentoring, Training, and Apprenticeships Act:

"We commend the Science, Space and Technology Committee for advancing bipartisan legislation that would enable the National Science Foundation to better align its educational investments with today's American workforce needs, which are overwhelming concentrated in the STEM fields. This bill takes a very bold approach to authorize grants that would support expanding and improving two-year STEM degree and certificate programs, apprenticeships, and other pathways into rapidly evolving STEM fields. Our economy is demanding more technical skills at every level and federal agencies need to respond more aggressively to emerging workforce needs. This bill moves us forward in that direction."