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Statement on the Passing of Emily Stover DeRocco, Former NASWA Executive Director

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WASHINGTON - The National Association of State Workforce Agencies (NASWA) issued the following statement on the July 3, 2021 passing of Emily Stover DeRocco.

“The public workforce system has lost an innovative leader in workforce development. During her 11 years of leadership at NASWA (1989-2000), she grew the nonprofit research arm of the association. She went on to lead the Employment and Training Administration at the U.S. Department of Labor under former President George W. Bush and U.S. Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao for seven years (2001-2008). She is known for crafting and implementing new initiatives to engage employers and making workforce development programs key drivers of states' economic development.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the DeRocco family as we remember and honor her many contributions to the public workforce system.”