

United States Senate

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Dear Colleague:

We encourage you to join the Senate Career and Technical Education (CTE) Caucus. This bipartisan caucus is committed to both strengthening access to and improving CTE.

One key to America's continued success lies in improving our nation's educational system. If we are to win the race for talent, we need a long-term plan that produces the best workforce in the world. CTE is a proven solution for creating jobs, retraining workers with the skills they need to fill open positions in the job market, and ensuring students of all ages and walks of life are career and college ready. It is critical that students have the opportunity to acquire the education and skills that will help them find employment and live productive, successful lives.

Nearly 12 million students are enrolled in CTE across the United States at the secondary and postsecondary levels, with CTE programs offered in thousands of comprehensive high schools, area technical centers, and career academies and over 1,000 two-year colleges. Across the country, CTE programs prepare students for every sector of our economy, ranging from STEM disciplines such as nursing, allied health, construction, information technology, energy, cybersecurity, and sustainability, to other fields that keep our nation competitive in the global economy.

The Senate CTE Caucus supports efforts to ensure all students have access to high-quality, rigorous CTE programming to prepare them for college and their future careers. We work to ensure that unemployed and displaced adult and youth workers have better access to training that is accountable, equips them with skills that are relevant to the job market, and ultimately serves the taxpayer as a sound investment. We can accomplish this by strengthening the links between the classroom and the workplace from middle school to postsecondary education, as well as those between adult education programs and efforts from the public and private sectors.

If you would like to join the Senate CTE Caucus, please contact Rebecca Howard in Senator Kaine's office (rebecca_howard@kaine.senate.gov) or Nancy Martinez in Senator Young's office (nancy_martinez@young.senate.gov).

Sincerely,



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