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**[INSERT NAME OF AREA/REGION/STATE] EDUCATORS ADVOCATE FOR CAREER AND
TECHNICAL EDUCATION ON CAPITOL HILL**

WASHINGTON, DC – [YOUR NAME OR YOUR GROUP'S NAME], [YOUR TITLE], participated in a three-day advocacy event as part of over 400 career and technical education (CTE) professionals and learners who gathered at the [Association for Career and Technical Education's](#) (ACTE) 2024 National Policy Seminar from March 17-20 in Arlington, VA. During this collaborative and insightful event, [LAST NAME] attended briefing sessions on the latest news in education policy and met with policymakers on Capitol Hill to educate them about the value of CTE for learners in [AREA/REGION/STATE].

While attending the National Policy Seminar, [YOUR LAST NAME OR ORGANIZATION] visited with [NAMES OF SENATORS/REPRESENTATIVES/STAFFERS YOU VISITED] to encourage strong and informed federal support for CTE and other education and workforce development programs.

[INCLUDE INFORMATION HERE ABOUT YOUR VISITS AND WHAT YOU LEARNED]

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On March 19, eight career and technical student organizations (CTSOs) participated in a reception hosted by the Senate Career and Technical Education Caucus and the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) to celebrate the work of the national CTSOs and the efforts they have made in providing students opportunities to develop leadership and career skills and engage in community service through CTE.

Attendees were joined by Senators Tim Kaine (D-VA) and Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), as well as Representatives Glenn "GT" Thompson (R-PA), Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR) and Assistant Secretary Amy Lloyd from the Office of Career and Technical Adult Education (OCTAE) for mingling and remarks. Kaine, a co-chair of the Senate CTE Caucus and a consistent leader on national education and workforce policy, addressed the audience to thank them for their service to America's students and their commitment to developing a 21st-century workforce, and Klobuchar, a member of the Senate CTE Caucus shared stories of her family's experience with CTE as it relates to the legislation she and her colleagues have been working on. Thompson and Bonamici, both co-chairs of the House CTE Caucus, discussed their work on the Caucus and collaboration on legislation and other projects to help strengthen CTE.

Attendees also heard remarks from a panel of congressional staff who provided their unique perspectives as those who work directly on the legislation that impacts the daily work of CTE leaders.

Over 94% of American secondary students benefit from CTE programs, with nearly 12 million students participating across both secondary and postsecondary levels. To ensure a skilled workforce for the modern economy, it is imperative to continue robust support and investment in CTE and to equip students with the hands-on training and skills they need for successful 21st century careers.

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The Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) is the nation's largest not-for-profit association committed to the advancement of education that prepares youth and adults for successful careers. ACTE represents the community of CTE professionals, including educators, administrators, researchers, school counselors, guidance and career development professionals and others at all levels of education. ACTE is committed to excellence in providing advocacy, public awareness and access to resources, professional development and leadership opportunities.