

# Join the Career and Technical Education Caucus!

Dear Colleague:

Career and Technical Education (CTE) is a proven strategy for creating jobs, retraining workers, and ensuring that students of all ages are career- and college-ready. Because CTE is critical for a globally competitive American workforce, we lead the bipartisan House Career and Technical Education Caucus to highlight its importance in preparing a well-educated and skilled workforce.

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.

Over 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 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. By training a competitive workforce to fulfill these 21st century demands, CTE programs assist businesses in closing the skills gap every day.

CTE programs exist in every state and congressional district. Therefore, we invite you to join over 100 of your colleagues in the bipartisan House Career and Technical Education Caucus. Together, we can improve America's competitiveness and help facilitate job opportunities for our constituents. To join the House CTE Caucus, or for more information, please contact Faith Tuttle ([faith.tuttle@mail.house.gov](mailto:faith.tuttle@mail.house.gov)) in Rep. Thompson's office or Allie Pearce ([allie.pearce@mail.house.gov](mailto:allie.pearce@mail.house.gov)) in Rep. Bonamici's office.

Sincerely,

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