



NATIONAL SKILLS COALITION

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It's all happening: our plan to modernize higher education

Without supports like career counseling, childcare, or transportation, working people often struggle to complete (or even get started in) training programs that would give them the skills they need to land in-demand jobs. A bill just introduced in Congress — [the Gateway to Careers Act](#) — would fund the supports working people need to advance in their careers.

Helping working people complete in-demand training programs is the **third part of National Skills Coalition's four-part plan to modernize higher education** so it works for people and businesses. We call it our "[Community College Compact](#)" and together this group of proposed policies would modernize the higher education act by:

- Extending Pell grants to people taking short-term programs.
- Making data transparent so prospective students know which education and training programs prepare them for in-demand jobs.
- Helping working people complete training by providing supports like childcare, transportation, and career counseling.
- Helping businesses partner with community colleges to train people for the in-demand jobs businesses are hiring for.

Earlier this year, National Skills Coalition released a poll that showed broad support for increased investment in skills training — including [overwhelming support for these four policy ideas](#) among business leaders.

Not only are these ideas popular — they have real momentum. Just a few weeks ago, the [JOBS Act and the College Transparency Act](#) were introduced — bills that would achieve the first two bullets on our list. With yesterday's introduction of Gateway to Careers — we are $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way there!

It's another landmark day — and we've reached it with your support. But there's one more bill that needs to be introduced. [Can you donate today to help NSC get our fourth bill introduced – and to advocate for all of these policies that will get students the in demand credentials and skills they need to compete?](#)

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