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There's been a lot of action on workforce issues in Washington in the past month. Last week, President Trump signed the [Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act](#) into law. This means that more students will be able to get the skills they need to compete in today's economy. It will also make it easier for employers to find trained, skilled workers to fill one of the country's six million open positions. NSC hosted a pop-up briefing on Perkins last Friday. [Click here to watch a recording.](#)

Earlier in July, President Trump signed an executive order aimed at prioritizing workforce development. NSC has long supported several of the goals of President Trump's executive order: increasing [apprenticeships](#), [data transparency](#) that helps students and businesses get the skills they need to succeed, and [business efforts to upskill](#) their workforces. But in the past, instead of making investments to support these strategies, the administration has called for [massive disinvestment in programs that would help close the skills gap in their last two budgets](#) and suggested eliminating workforce programs in several recent actions, [including in this EO](#).

Finally, NSC [submitted a letter](#) to Congressional leaders, urging them to reject expanded work requirements in SNAP and focus on skill building instead. The House and Senate have both passed versions of the Farm Bill this year, which would reauthorize the SNAP program along with a range of other federal programs relating to agriculture, rural development, and conservation.

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Investing in partnerships gives people and businesses the skills they need to compete

In a new publication, NSC calls on Congress to invest in partnerships between industry and community colleges that give people and businesses the skills they need to compete in today's economy. We highlight innovative partnerships in Illinois, Louisiana, and Minnesota that are preparing students for careers in in-demand industries and make the case for bipartisan support for federal investments in sector partnerships. Click [here](#) to read the paper.

In related news, leaders from 10 community college systems across the country recently [sent a letter](#) urging Congress to support these valuable partnerships between community colleges and business. The letter also makes the case for strengthening support services, making education and workforce outcomes data more transparent, and extending Pell Grants to people taking short-term, in-demand credentials.

Factory robots versus mom's caregiver



Conversations about automation and the future of work usually center around the manufacturing industry. But how do these new technology trends affect other workers? Specifically, what impact could it have on a growing healthcare workforce? Read this [medium piece](#) about how the future of work means different futures for workers in different industries.

This piece is a collaboration between NSC board member Daniel Bustillo, Director of the [Healthcare Career Advancement Program](#) (H-CAP) and Andy Van Kleunen, CEO, NSC. It is the second in a series about the future of work.

Montana sets example for other states by using data to drive policy

A new case study from the Workforce Data Quality Campaign and the Montana Department of Labor and Industry, illustrates how Montana uses data to connect businesses with the state's university system to improve students' career prospects and build a workforce that ensures workers and businesses thrive together.



Read more about the case study on [our blog](#) and [click here](#) to download the full paper.

Save the date! Join us for the 2019 Skills Summit

Mark your calendars for February 5-7, 2019 and join us in Washington, DC for the 2019 Skills Summit! Registration opens in September with a reduced Early Bird rate and hotel discount available until Thanksgiving weekend. For more information, reach out to [Jessica Cardott](#). See you in February!

Welcome Rob!

[Rob Garcia](#) is joining our team as the new BLU Manager! Rob will be providing dedicated staff leadership and support to the work of BLU, which will build BLU's capacity to continue to position its members at the center of the skills dialogues – on the Hill, in the press, and at home.

We're hiring!

We are seeking a Controller to manage NSC's financial operations. Find the full job description [here](#) and share with your networks.

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