



NATIONAL SKILLS COALITION

Every worker. Every industry. A strong economy.

Right now in DC: Your voice is being heard

Do you know what's happening right now in our Nation's Capital? Business leaders and workers from their companies are heading to Capitol Hill, preparing to sit down with their federal representatives and policymakers to make their voices heard.

I've been working with National Skills Coalition and our partners on these visits for nearly 15 years, and I've heard from lawmakers how impactful it is to hear directly from constituents.

We've been able to advance more than 30 federal policy victories in the past 5 years alone with bipartisan support – because when they hear from constituents and experts about common sense skills policy, lawmakers across the spectrum just get it. **But we have to keep the conversations going.**

[The gift you make to National Skills Coalition today will help send hundreds more coalition members to meet with lawmakers and their staffers in 2019. Join us now by making a gift.](#)

The teams in DC right now are getting a crash course in the federal policy skills landscape – but even more valuable are the personal stories they'll be sharing on how strong skills policy has impacted their lives.

Thanks to supporters like you, National Skills Coalition can organize and make these visits possible – and we, and our coalition partners, are grateful for every single dollar you give to make that happen.



Skills advocates from Illinois prepare for a lawmaker visit. [Donate now](#) to keep these meetings going.

National Skills Coalition is fortunate to have been awarded foundation grants to support our work, but that funding is **unable** to support the key advocacy activities we know impact lawmakers: *visits from constituents like you and your fellow skills champions.*

That's right – individual partners like you are the only reason National Skills Coalition is able to arrange meetings between advocates and elected officials. If we're serious about making big changes for our communities, we have to talk directly to – and more importantly, work with – our policymakers.

[Can we count on your support to continue these visits in 2019?](#) Your partnership will help us further amplify the voices of EVERYONE who benefits from strong skills policies – which in turn vastly strengthens our nation's economy. And doesn't every one of us benefit from that?

Businesses need workers trained for middle-skills jobs now – and they need policies that build a pipeline of skilled workers for the future. Workers want good jobs in their home communities – and need access to the skills, training and support that make them competitive for those homegrown jobs.

[Please consider a tax-deductible investment in National Skills Coalition today.](#) **When you support National Skills Coalition, you arm advocates with the facts they need to speak up about how investments in a skills agenda can transform their ability to do business.**

I'm heading back into these briefings. I will be snapping some pictures of these advocates in action and will be sharing with folks who [donate to support these efforts](#) – including hopefully you.

Thank you,

Jessie

PS: [When you donate before the end of 2018, you'll also be one of the first to hear about a brand-new public campaign to amplify the stories of workers](#) who are changing their lives through training, apprenticeships, work-based learning, or earning a new credential.

Thank you for supporting this broad, diverse coalition.

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