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## Increasing momentum to end the bias against working students

Almost every week, there are exciting developments in our effort to extend Pell grants to people who want to earn short-term in-demand credentials that would lead to a job. NSC CEO Andy Van Kleunen contributed a [piece to US News](#) that talks about short-term Pell as a commonsense, bipartisan idea that would give people the skills they need to compete and give businesses in every locale access to a pipeline of trained, skilled employees. **Would you help us get the op/ed in front of new audiences by sharing on your social platforms?**



We are also working closely with business leaders who support the idea – and many of them have contributed letters to the editor and op/eds in their local newspapers – including this latest one in the [Pocono Record](#).

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As we speak, NSC is working with the Senate HELP committee as they put together a bill that would reauthorize the Higher Education Act. We've just [submitted a letter](#) with a set of policy recommendations that, among other suggestions, would:

- Eliminate Pell's bias against working learners who want to earn short-term, in-demand credentials; and
- Ensure program quality by adopting language from the College Transparency Act

The recommendations in our letter mirror the [Community College Compact](#) we released last year with input from you. [Visit our Skills Blog](#) to get caught up on all the developments in short-term Pell.

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