



NATIONAL SKILLS COALITION

ACTION ALERT

Three Ways to Stand Up, Speak Up, and Protect and Improve Investments in Skills Today

Over the next few months, Congress will make spending and policy decisions that impact the ability of local communities to create opportunities for America's workers and to help local businesses grow and compete. **Please take a moment to speak up and tell Congress to:**

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1. **Protect investments in America's skills today.** Protect and maintain **Fiscal Year 2017** investments in the skills that America's workers and businesses need to compete and prosper. Tell Congressional appropriators to protect funding for workforce programs in the final FY17 spending package. [Sign your organization on to our letter](#) by February 10.
2. **Protect investments in America's skills tomorrow.** Prevent cuts to vital programs that keep America safe, healthy and competitive, including workforce and education investments, in **Fiscal Year 2018**. Tell Congress we can't balance the budget on the backs of America's people through cuts to vital programs. [Sign your organization on to NDD United's letter](#) by February 10.
3. **Improve how we invest in the skills of America's workers.** The bi-partisan **JOBS Act**, sponsored by Senators Kaine (D-VA) and Portman (R-OH) will make it easier for America's workers to train for in-demand jobs. [Ask your Members of Congress to co-sponsor the JOBS Act](#) and make Pell grants available for short-term industry recognized credentials.

Want to keep up to date about what's in store for education and workforce funding? [Join NSC for a webinar](#): Federal Budget and Appropriations Update on Thursday, February 23rd at 2:00 pm.

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