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## Urgent: Working people want & need the JOBS Act

Eighty-six percent of [voters agree](#) we should make federal financial aid available to people seeking skills training — not just those seeking college degrees. It's an idea that's broadly popular among Democrats; Republicans; union members; white, black, and Hispanic voters; and among both men and women.

People know that our financial aid system is biased against working people who want to improve their jobs and their lives. Imagine the single mom working the night shift at a fast food restaurant while also training to be a medical technician. Imagine the veteran who served multiple tours overseas and is now working to get a certificate in heating, ventilation, and air conditioning. Imagine the baby boomer who recently lost his manufacturing job due to automation and is now learning to repair robots.

The JOBS Act would expand [Pell grants](#) to people seeking short-term training programs that lead to in-demand jobs.

*The New York Times* published an op-ed today trying to discredit this bipartisan bill, arguing that the JOBS Act will steer people away from college. Our same [poll](#) shows that 89 percent of voters reject that argument.

**A four-year college degree is not the only path to success. Will you help us get that message out?**

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*Americans want Congress to #MakePellWork for everyone, not just those seeking college degrees. The JOBS Act expands Pell grants to workers seeking quality, short-term training programs that lead to in-demand jobs.*

We'll be reaching out to you next week with more ways you can tell lawmakers we need to #MakePellWork.

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