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Big things are happening!

We've continued to advance the cause of skilled employment for millions of students and workers over these past few weeks, and it's all because of strong advocates like you.

You've given us your time and expertise. After reading about this month's legislative victories, I hope you'll consider giving us your financial support as well. [Will you send a contribution today? It's those small personal gifts that help fund our legislative victories.](#)

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- Last Wednesday, **congressional leaders rejected all of the President's proposed cuts to workforce and education programs** and adopted a spending bill that will infuse more than \$200 million into training, apprenticeship, adult education and technical education in local communities. That strong bipartisan support for investments in skills would not have come about without your advocacy in recent weeks.
- NSC just released "**Putting Pell Grants to Work for Working Students**", a publication that further makes the case you carried to Capitol Hill about the promise of proven short-term job-driven programs at our nation's community colleges. Bi-partisan efforts to allow workers to use Pell Grants for such programs, like those defined under the JOBS Act, continue to pick up steam in Washington. Next month, I'll be with Gov. Kim Reynolds to talk about Iowa's similar tuition assistance program, a model for national Pell Grant reform.
- Speaking of the states, thanks to the tireless efforts of our long-time partners at Job Opportunities Task Force, the Maryland legislature **just passed a bill that would allow GED recipients to access state financial aid** for postsecondary education. NSC is proud to have provided expert testimony to help get this bill over the finish line.
- And just last week, the District of Columbia **enacted the Workforce Development System Transparency Act**, requiring a new public report detailing the District's spending on workforce development and adult education programs, as well as the performance outcomes of those programs. The D.C. City Council's Committee on Labor and Workforce Development reached out to WDQC to help develop the bill and to testify in support of it during a committee hearing.

Victories like these are a powerful testament to the work of *our* coalition. [That's why I hope you will consider supporting NSC with a gift today.](#) Our greatest asset has always been having you as part of *our* coalition, and together we can accomplish our shared vision of an America that works for all.

With great appreciation,





Andy Van Kleunen, CEO

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