



# NATIONAL SKILLS COALITION

Every worker. Every industry. A strong economy.

## It's been a great year for our shared skills agenda!

We're just back from our annual Board of Directors retreat and your ears must have been burning. Our conversation was all about *you* and other members of the Coalition. You are taking our middle-skills agenda from policy proposals to legislative reforms, which in turn are benefiting millions of working Americans and thousands of companies in our communities.

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You invest your time, expertise and money to help your Coalition, and **we're proud to share that it's working!** That is why we're reaching out to you today and asking you to give a little more before the year comes to a close.

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While many groups are lamenting about the dysfunction of the Trump administration, the partisan bickering of Congress and the chaos that is trickling down to the states, *your* National Skills Coalition is celebrating this year's achievements. Just a few of your accomplishments:



**Mike Kenig**, Vice-Chairman of Holder Construction in Atlanta and a tireless advocate for career and technical education has been on the Hill countless times with Business Leaders United (BLU). Thanks to Mike's advocacy and his engagement of BLU peers in Georgia, **BLU's agenda is gaining traction with new champions, including Rep. Drew Ferguson (R-GA), who has joined Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR) to cosponsor the PARTNERS Act to expand business leadership for apprenticeship and work-based learning nationwide.**



NSC member **Betty Cruz** is director of Change Agency, a Pittsburgh-based social enterprise. Betty's team is leading implementation of All for All, an immigrant inclusion initiative, and **actively engaged in building momentum with Pennsylvania policymakers to address immigrant workforce issues.** Betty joined us for this year's Immigrant Workforce Policy Academy and Skills in the States Policy Forum.

Whether you joined us at the Skills Summit or a BLU Fly-in in our nation's capital, attended the multi-state Skills in the States Forum in Nashville, participated in a webinar, took action through an action alert, utilized our many resources and publications, or followed us on Twitter and Facebook, you *are* the National Skills Coalition. [Every action you take moves our agenda forward at a time when it's needed more than ever. Your support keeps us](#)

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And when we meet with members of Congress and state leaders, they recognize that we represent you and others who make up a large and diverse network – advocates representing labor, community colleges, community-based organizations, immigrant groups, local businesses, workforce boards, among others – speaking up for millions of workers and employers across America.

At the retreat, the Board talked about 2018 and how to build upon this year's successes. We have a very ambitious plan, which is why we're writing today.

[Please consider making a tax-deductible contribution today to position your Coalition for continued success in 2018. Your investment now will help us advance our mission on behalf of millions of students, workers, and local businesses across the country.](#)

Thank you for your continued generous support. Your commitment is key to advancing our shared vision of an America that grows its economy by *investing in its people*, so that every worker and every industry has the skills to compete and prosper. We are honored to be partnering with you in pursuit of this worthy goal.

With appreciation,



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