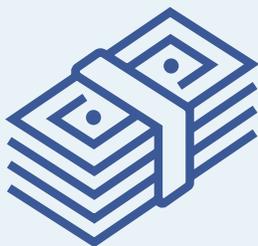




Today's students and businesses need a "Community College Compact"

Today's students need something better, more comprehensive, and more inclusive than "free college". By modernizing the Higher Education Act through four bills NSC is calling "The Community College Compact" we'll make a promise to all Americans — working parents, those who have lost jobs, young people & those struggling to get ahead — that they can learn the skills they need to land an in-demand job. And we'll be making an investment in the talent pipeline that small and medium businesses need to succeed in the 21st century economy.

Make Pell grants job driven



**64% OF BUSINESS LEADERS
AND 86% OF LIKELY 2020
VOTERS WANT PELL GRANTS
FOR SKILLS TRAINING**

Problem: Our 40-year-old federal financial aid system doesn't support workers seeking high quality, short-term credentials – credentials employers look for when they hire and that people can earn quickly, allowing them to take the next step in their career.

What Congress can do: Pass the JOBS Act which would make Pell grants available for high-quality, short-term training programs that lead to in-demand jobs.

Make data transparent for informed decision making



**66%
OF BUSINESS LEADERS
WANT TRANSPARENT DATA**

Problem: Students, parents, guidance counselors, and employers don't have access to the data that shows which education and training programs actually prepare people for in-demand jobs.

What Congress can do: Pass the College Transparency Act which would ensure students, employers, parents & policymakers have the data they need to make informed, smart decisions on where to spend money on postsecondary education.

Help community colleges partner with businesses



**92% OF 2020 VOTERS AND
77% OF BUSINESS LEADERS
WANT INVESTMENTS IN
PARTNERSHIPS**

Problem: Community colleges, training providers, businesses, unions, and community organizations often work together to provide high-quality training. But there's no dedicated federal support to sustain these critical partnerships.

What Congress can do: Pass the Community College to Career Fund in Higher Education Act which would invest in partnerships at a scale that would sustain economic competitiveness.

Help workers complete their training



**64% OF BUSINESS LEADERS
AND 81% OF LIKELY 2020
VOTERS WANT SUPPORT SERVICES
FOR WORKER TRAINING**

Problem: Many workers struggle to complete training without supports like career counseling, childcare, or transportation.

What Congress can do: Pass the Gateway to Careers Act which would fund supports that students need (like career counseling, childcare, and transportation assistance) to complete in-demand credentials.

On behalf of National Skills Coalition, ALG Research conducted a national online survey of 405 business leaders from small (under 100 employees) and medium (101-499 employees) companies, February 25 - March 5, 2019.

