Congress should put its money where the jobs are

The U.S. has a middle-skill gap
Though the economy is improving, employers still struggle to find skilled workers to fill their open positions, particularly for middle-skill jobs requiring more than a high school diploma but not a four-year degree.


Congress has agreed on the best ways to close the skill gap
Last year Congress passed the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, which supports better alignment of federal workforce programs, shared accountability and data reporting, and demand-driven strategies such as sector partnerships, career pathways, and apprenticeships.

Congress needs to invest in these strategies
Despite bipartisan support, federal funding for key education and workforce programs has declined by 14% since 2010. We should support economic growth by training people for emerging job opportunities. Let’s start by fully funding federal workforce and education programs.

Please support full funding for adult education, career and technical education, and workforce programs.

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