In honor of Workforce Development Month, the Campaign to Invest in America’s Workforce invites you to

**Innovation in America’s Workforce: the crucial role of Federal investments**

Hosted by Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)
Congressional Visitors Center Room SVC-209
Tuesday, September 25th, 1:30 PM -3:00 PM ET

America’s competitive position in the global economy depends upon the skills of its workforce. A 2018 report from the White House’s Council of Economic Advisors noted, however, that the U.S. invests far less on workforce programming than other developed countries. In 2014, Congress passed the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) with broad bipartisan support to enable and encourage innovation necessary to meet workforce needs of both businesses and workers. To realize this bipartisan vision, enable U.S. businesses to compete in a global economy and prepare workers for good jobs, Congress must now adequately invest in workforce and education programs, including those under WIOA, that prepare workers with the skills businesses need. Hear from workforce experts from across the country about the importance of federal investment in the innovation happening at the state and local level.

**Emily Davidson** ▪ Atlanta, GA
*Emily Davidson is the Director of Medicaid Employment Programs, Strategy and Business Development at Anthem. She works across Anthem to develop employment strategies and programs that impact both their members and the business and is launching an internal Information Technology (IT) apprenticeship program to remove barriers to employment for workers and expand the IT pipeline.*

**Bob Lanter** ▪ Sacramento, CA
*Bob Lanter is the Executive Director of the California Workforce Association leading the way in the implementation of WIOA for the state of California. Bob has worked almost two decades in the field of workforce development and job training, including positions in local workforce investment systems from case manager to the Executive Director of the Contra Costa County Workforce Board.*

**Regina Suits** ▪ Tucson, AZ
*Regina Suits is the Vice President for Adult Basic Education for College & Career at Pima Community College. She leads multiple county wide programs including all Arizona Department of Education funded Adult Basic Education (ABE), Adult Secondary, and English Language Acquisition for Adults. Over 120 staff, instructors, and volunteers support over 6,000 students and testers a year in the ABE Division.*

**Dr. Alice Prince** ▪ St. Louis, MO ▪ Reconnecting Youth Campaign
*Dr. Prince is the Executive Director of the St. Louis Agency on Training and Employment (SLATE) American Job Center in St. Louis, Missouri. Prior to this role, she served as SLATE’s Young Adult Division Manager and oversaw approximately 30 contracts that focused on youth employment, empowerment, mentoring, financial literacy, and legal services.*

**Katie Spiker** ▪ Washington, DC, moderator
*Katie Spiker is the Senior Federal Policy Analyst with National Skills Coalition*

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