

The Honorable **[insert full name]**  
**[insert either U. S. House of Representatives or U. S. Senate]**  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear **[insert title and last name of legislator]:**

As a Career and Technical Education (CTE) professional, I urge you to support efforts to continue Perkins funding. Funding for CTE through the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act is vital to education and job training in my community.

CTE makes a positive investment in America's future by providing relevant learning experiences for students, effective and proven links to building skills and enhanced academic opportunities, and improving employment outcomes. CTE reduces dropout rates and the employers in my local area continue to need well-trained workers with good skills to compete in the 21<sup>st</sup> century economy. I encourage you to continue funding for this program.

The Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) developed a position statement on high school reform, "Reinventing the American High School for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century," which suggests how high schools, including career and technical education (CTE) programs, should change to ensure that students are prepared to succeed in postsecondary education and the workforce. The ACTE website is [www.acteonline.org](http://www.acteonline.org).

Today's CTE offers students relevant learning experiences that answer the often-asked question "Why do I have to learn this?", while enhancing students' academic achievement and meeting industry needs.

**[Insert information about your state's or school's CTE programs here. How are they working in your community?]**

If you would like more information about CTE and the programs we offer, please contact me at [your information here]

Sincerely,  
**[insert your name and address]**