

NDA Urges House Leaders to Support Workforce Development Bills

This week, [NDA called on leaders in the House of Representatives](#) to bring two NDA-backed workforce development bills to the House floor for a final vote. These bills include H.R. 6655, A Stronger Workforce for America Act, which reauthorizes and updates the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) for the first time in nearly a decade. This legislation would make significant improvements to WIOA that will boost the amount of skills development provided under the law, build stronger connections between employers and the workforce system, and put more individuals on track to a successful career.

NDA also supports H.R. 6585, the Bipartisan Workforce Pell Act, which would expand Pell Grant eligibility to include high-quality, short-term training programs and provides opportunities for students and workers to gain new skills in high-demand fields.

Both bills were approved by near unanimous majorities in the House Education and Workforce Committee and now await votes in the full House of Representatives. NDA will continue to press Congress on the importance of passing legislation that addresses labor shortages and promotes a skilled and robust workforce.

EPA Announces \$5.8 Billion for Water Infrastructure Upgrades

On Tuesday, the Environmental Protection Agency announced that \$5.8 billion in funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will be available for states, Tribes, and territories to invest in drinking water and clean water infrastructure upgrades. More information about the funding can be [found here](#).