



AMERICA FORWARD APPLAUDS HOUSE PASSAGE OF STRENGTHENING CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION FOR THE 21ST CENTURY ACT

Members of the America Forward Coalition issued the following statement on the U.S. House of Representatives' passage of the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act on Tuesday, September 13, 2016:

"Members of the America Forward Coalition applaud the U.S. House of Representatives for approving H.R. 5587, the *Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act*. Introduced and passed with overwhelming bipartisan support, this important piece of legislation includes a focus on results through innovation, evaluation, and alignment of the secondary and post-secondary career and technical education space for real impact for students and job seekers. The inclusion of innovative concepts and practices such as career pathways and early college programs are integral for improving student outcomes and aligning our post-secondary and workforce development systems. Additionally, we are pleased with the inclusion of an innovation fund and the use of Pay for Success contracting in the bill, which will bring a greater focus on outcomes and evidence to the post-secondary career and technical education space. The America Forward Coalition looks forward to working with policymakers in the Senate to advance a similar bill."

The America Forward Coalition is a network of more than 70 social innovation organizations that champion innovative, effective, and efficient solutions to our country's most pressing social problems. Our Coalition members are achieving measurable outcomes in more than 14,500 communities nationwide, touching the lives of 8 million Americans each year, and driving progress in education, workforce development, early learning, poverty alleviation, public health, pay for success, social innovation, national service, and criminal justice reform. Since 2007, America Forward's community of innovators has played a leading role in driving the national dialogue on social innovation and advocating for lasting policy change.

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