

# U.S. Rep. Gallagher: Votes to pass career and technical education bill

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*House Sends Bill to President's Desk to Become Law*

**Washington, D.C.** – Today, Rep. Mike Gallagher and his colleagues in the House passed [H.R. 2353](#), the *Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act*. The bipartisan bill seeks to modernize career and technical education opportunities for students so they are better prepared to succeed in an increasingly competitive global economy. It has now passed both the House and Senate unanimously and will be sent to the president's desk to be signed into law. [Click here](#) to read the bill.

**Congressman Mike Gallagher:** *“Northeast Wisconsin is home to some of the hardest working people in the country. But as technology continues to advance and automation replaces workers, our workforce must have the resources it needs to adapt. As I travel around the 8th District, I routinely hear this concern from local business owners and their employees.”*

*He continued, “The legislation we passed today in the House is critical to ensuring our technical schools can provide students with the training they need for the high-skilled jobs in our local economy. I’m confident that Northeast Wisconsin is prepared to lead the way when it comes to closing the country’s growing skills gap, which is why I urge President Trump to sign this bill into law so our schools can get the resources they need.”*

**Dr. Jeff Rafn, President of Northeast Wisconsin Technical College:** *“Our*

*thanks go out to Congressman Gallagher for his commitment and support of career and technical education through this critical legislation. Focusing resources where they will have the greatest local benefit allows Northeast Wisconsin Technical College to increase capacity in advanced manufacturing, energy, health care, transportation, business and information technology, thereby increasing the region's talent pipeline and strengthening its employers."*

**Dr. Susan May, President of Fox Valley Technical College:** *"We appreciate Congressman Gallagher's dedicated support for career and technical education through reauthorization of the Perkins Career and Technical Education Act. We look forward to working with Congress to maximize flexibility for states and to ensure that Perkins funding is targeted to the programs with the most immediate impact on building Wisconsin's talent pipeline."*