

## United States Senate

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Dear Friends,

I regret that I cannot be with you today, but I join you in celebrating National CTE Month and in recognizing the importance of career and technical education in our state's schools.

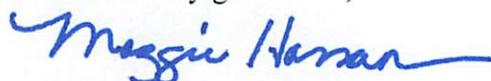
Career and technical education programs are an essential way to meet the needs of both our students and our businesses. When I visit businesses throughout New Hampshire, I hear time and time again that they need more highly skilled workers to compete in the 21st century innovation economy. These programs help develop that skilled workforce, while also preparing young people in our state for good-paying jobs that offer opportunities for personal economic security and drive the Granite State economy forward.

With programs ranging from engineering, to computer networking, to woodworking, ConVal's Applied Technology Center provides students with a wide variety of experiences that allow them to explore potential future careers and gain hands-on experience. I am grateful to the staff at ConVal for their work to provide students with these important opportunities.

I will also continue to work to support career and technical education programs in the Senate. I am pleased to have helped increase funding for Perkins grant programs in the end of year government funding bill that is now law – this program supports ConVal's Applied Technology Center and career and technical education programs throughout our state. I will continue to work across the aisle to strengthen workforce development programs.

Thank you to everyone who have made today's event possible. I look forward to continuing to work together to support Granite State youth and build a stronger New Hampshire.

With every good wish,



Margaret Wood Hassan  
United States Senator