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Senator or Representative or Governor's Name
Legislative Office Building Hartford, CT 06106-1591

Dear (Senator), (Representative), (Governor), and/or (State Senator):

To start this letter, I would like to thank you and the legislative leadership for your commitment to the state youth employment and learning program. The year-round and summer youth employment programming continues to provide significant career competency development to thousands of young people throughout the state as a result of your support.

It is our sincere hope that you will continue to support youth employment legislation as today's times are more challenging than ever for young people:

Connecticut's cities show youth employment for 16 to 19 year olds at an historical low of approximately 30%- 35%- the lowest since World War II

Last year alone, this Connecticut's Summer Youth Employment and Learning Program employed approximately 4,900 young people between the ages of 14 and 19 with State and leveraged funding combined. But over 6,600 were still turned away.

Help Today's Youth Help Connecticut Tomorrow

Your support of youth employment funding is imperative to provide the foundational workplace skills our future workforce needs to help Connecticut overcome impending talent shortages and strive for a competitive edge in the 21st century.

In closing, we again thank you for your support for State of Connecticut youth employment funding legislation to give our young people what they need, not to just help them succeed but to help our state better position our state for a vibrant economic future.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

(Your Name)