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Ms. Janita Lynn McNemar  
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Dear Ms. McNemar:

Thank you for contacting me about adult education programs. I appreciate hearing from you.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, in 2010 nearly 30 million adults in the U.S. had below a high school education and over 24 million had English language training needs. Unfortunately, far too many adults have low levels of literacy or do not speak English proficiently. If we are to win the race for talent we need a long-term plan that produces the best workforce in the world by reforming policies and programs to effectively provide educational opportunities to meet the needs of our global workforce.

The Adult Education and Family Literacy Act provides a critical role in ensuring that over two million adults annually receive workforce training, increase basic and employability skills, or improve their English language proficiency. Funding through this act provides adult students with access to instruction on literacy and math skills, as well as English language classes.

As Governor, I invested in workforce training to equip jobseekers with the skills they need to succeed and compete for the jobs of the 21st century. I opened five comprehensive workforce one-stop centers in Charlottesville, Roanoke, Prince William, Danville, and South Boston to serve individuals and businesses in the region from one central location.

Please be assured that as your U.S. Senator I will work to adequately fund adult education programs, as well as reform our adult education system to meet the needs of today's workers. Again, thank you for contacting me.

Sincerely,



Tim Kaine

