

# H.R. 2621: HONORING VOCATIONAL EDUCATION ACT

## **Background:**

This bill requires the Bureau of the Census to ensure that the Current Population Survey provides for a separate category of educational attainment for Postsecondary Nondegree Awardees.

Postsecondary Nondegree Awardee is defined as an individual who has received a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent and a recognized postsecondary credential; and has not received an associate, bachelor's, master's, graduate, or professional degree.

## **Champion:**

Rep. Hillary Scholten (D-MI)

## **Co-sponsors:**

Rep. Molinaro (R-NY)

Rep. Moskowitz (D-FL)

Rep. Crockett (D-TX)

Rep. Vasquez (D-NM)

Rep. Gluesenkamp (D-WA)

Rep. Fitzpatrick (R-PA)

## **More Information:**

This critical piece of bipartisan legislation will ensure individuals who attend job training programs, trade schools, union apprenticeships, and similar pathways are recognized as obtaining a postsecondary non-degree award. It will guarantee these individuals' educational status is recognized by the Census Bureau.

Currently, the Census Bureau has no category under educational attainment for apprenticeships or technical certifications in the Current Population Survey (CPS). But there are more pathways to a meaningful career than a four-year degree. This bill will ensure recognition for the tradesmen and women and career professionals who didn't go to a traditional post-secondary education institution on their path to impactful employment.

## **Position and Ask:**

**BOMA International strongly endorses H.R. 2621: Honoring Vocational Education Act.** This legislation would direct the US Census to recognize licenses, certifications and other credentials.

**BOMA International asks that Members of Congress co-sponsor H.R. 2621: Honoring Vocational Education Act.**

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