



September 6, 2017

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
United States Senate
511 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Support for the Apprenticeship and Jobs Training Act

Dear Senator Cantwell:

IPC - Association Connecting Electronics Industries is a global industry association leading the public policy voice for the electronic industry's most respected employers on issues, programs and campaigns that affect the economic health and quality of life for its members globally. **We write today to express our strong support and to commend you for introducing S. 1352 - Apprenticeship and Jobs Training Act.**

IPC is dedicated to the competitive excellence and financial success of its 4,200 member companies which represent all facets of the electronics industry, including design, printed board manufacturing, electronics assembly and test. As a member-driven organization and leading source for industry standards, training, market research and public policy advocacy, IPC supports programs to help meet the needs of an estimated \$2 trillion global electronics economy.

As a training and certification leader, one of IPCs' top priorities are to promote workforce development initiatives, educate and train workers to fill manufacturing jobs, and be innovative in finding ways to close the skills gap. The lack of skilled workers directly affects our members, your constituency, of which employ thousands of employees throughout the state of Washington. We appreciate your leadership in responding to these challenges.

We urge other Senators to join you and Senator Collins to co-sponsor this bill. We look forward to working with you to enact this important legislation. Please contact me or Julie Desisto in our Washington, D.C. office at 202-661-8093.

Sincerely,

John Mitchell
President & CEO
IPC - Association Connecting Electronics Industries