

To: All House Members
From: Representative Eli Evankovich
Date: April 5, 2012
Subject: **Co-Sponsorship - EITC and Career and Technical Education**

In the near future, I will be introducing legislation that will allow career and technical schools to be eligible to receive business donations within the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program.

Not only is career and technical education (CTE) an integral part of Pennsylvania's public education system, it is also an essential part of economic and workforce development in the Commonwealth. By providing training necessary for many well-paying, sustainable careers found in today's workplace, public secondary career and technical schools train Pennsylvanians in the trades and skills required by today's employers. Career and Technical Education in Pennsylvania is designed to meet a dual mission -- developing students with College Readiness skills AND a Career Path. CTE is no longer an either/or choice, but a "BOTH/AND" opportunity for student success.

Currently, there are limited options for these schools to receive EITC donations through a statewide association. My intention is to correct this omission and allow these public schools that train tomorrow's workers to receive donations and develop innovative programs that directly affect the future of the workforce in our Commonwealth. Allowing the individual schools to be eligible for this program will encourage an enhanced connection between the school and the local community.

In order to accomplish this, my legislation will amend the Tax Reform Code of 1971, where the EITC program is currently located, to include public secondary career and technical schools in the list of educational institutions that can be served by Educational Improvement Organizations.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Amanda Hart in my Harrisburg office at ahart@pahousegop.com or 717-260-6129. Thank you.