

***SAMPLE LETTER TO LEGISLATORS, GOVERNOR  
TO ATTEND LOCAL EVENT OR OPEN HOUSE***

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

Dear Senator--, Representative--, Governor--:

We hope the new year finds you well. First, we would like to thank you and legislative leadership for your commitment to the youth of the state from this year's youth employment program legislation. This past year's summer and school-year youth employment programming provided significant career competency development to 5,300 young people throughout the state as a result of your support of the State Youth Employment and Learning Program.

We would like to extend an invitation for you to attend an open house/event on \_\_\_DATE\_\_\_PLACE\_\_\_\_\_ to learn further about the importance of continued support for youth employment and learning programs. It is our sincere hope that as this legislation will continue to be sustained and strengthened by the State of Connecticut, as today's times are more challenging than ever:

- 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 5,300 young people between the ages of 14 and 19 with State and leveraged funding combined. But another 3,810 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 21<sup>st</sup> century.

In closing, we again thank you for your support for the impending \$5-million youth employment 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,