



March 15th, 2021

The Honorable Elena Durazo
Chair, Senate Budget Subcommittee #5
State Capitol, Room 2032
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Wendy Carrillo
Chair, Assembly Budget Subcommittee #4
State Capitol, Room 447
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA STATE PROPOSED BUDGET – EMPLOYMENT TRAINING PANEL (ETP)

Dear Budget Chairs:

The Coalition for ETP and Jobs is dedicated to enhancing funding for the Employment Training Panel in this year's Budget from the current allocation of \$80 million to \$130 million. Our Coalition supports job training, apprenticeships, and career advancement for businesses, labor unions, and education institutions.

Since its creation in 1983, the Employment Training Panel (ETP) has demonstrated a practical, effective, and economical way to improve worker skills, increase employer productivity, and strengthen the state economy through work-based learning. In recent years, ETP's budget, supported by the Employment Training Tax (one-tenth of one percent of UI taxable wages), has been stagnant. A 20% cut is proposed for 2021-22. Rather than cutting, the State should increase funding for a program that does more than any other economic development tool to promote workers' economic mobility.

Our request is consistent with the Administration's stated goals of reskilling the workforce and revitalizing the economy. There is \$353 million allocated towards workforce development and yet none of that new money is currently being directed towards the ETP. Even with the increase in unanticipated revenues, The Legislature faces a daunting challenge to enact a balanced budget in a COVID environment. But California's workers are the backbone of the economy. In order to stimulate and sustain a recovery, the State must do everything in its power to give workers the opportunities to retool, upskill and provide for their families.

A report from California State University Northridge shows workers trained by ETP earn about \$2,000 more in the year after they finish ETP training than those who don't complete training. National apprenticeship organizations demonstrate a return on investment of 50 percent or more for every dollar spent on the types of programs administered by ETP. Without these important resources, California workers and their families will fall further behind.

It will take a commitment to get our workers the tools they need to thrive in a new economy. With that in mind, we respectfully request that the Legislature increase funding for the ETP in this year's Budget to \$130 million.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Heat and Frost Insulators and Allied Workers Local 16
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