



Statement on the Bipartisan Opportunity Youth Caucus

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Today, the National Youth Employment Coalition (NYEC) joined Representatives Michelle Steel (R-CA) and Troy Carter (D-LA) and other opportunity youth stakeholders in celebrating the launch of the first-ever Bipartisan Opportunity Youth Caucus. The Caucus will assist in elevating and advancing individual Members' legislative priorities and serve as a forum for engaging with local workforce, education, and service providers, as well as youth.

“We commend Representatives Steel and Carter for their leadership in co-chairing the Bipartisan Opportunity Youth Caucus, which will convene youth, workforce and education stakeholders, and policymakers to develop solutions for the barriers that opportunity youth face. Young people need a seat at the table to ensure that legislative decisions are made with and for them. We look forward to partnering with Representatives Steel and Carter to recruit more members to the Caucus and help drive policy solutions to support our nation’s young people,” said Dr. Mary Ann Haley, Executive Director of NYEC.

NYEC represents nearly 140 organizations that provide direct services to opportunity youth, young people ages 16-24 who are out of school and out of work, including community-based organizations, state and local workforce development boards, intermediaries, and research organizations. Our mission is to reconnect the nearly 4.7 million opportunity youth in the U.S. to high-quality education and training opportunities or employment through advocacy, convenings, research, and professional development.