

Dear Members of the Joint Committee on the Ways & Means Subcommittee on Education,

My name is Tim Morse and I am currently a faculty member at Chemeketa Community College in the HVAC/R program.

I choose to work at Chemeketa because I know the value of an apprenticeship and how the trades have offered me an opportunity to make a living, help others and improve my life. I enjoy teaching others the HVAC/R program, and giving them the tools it takes to be successful at their craft. I enjoy seeing when students make connections to the curriculum and the skills they are supposed to learn. I know how important education is and how it can help people improve their lives.

After I received my HVAC/R credentials, I went on to teach for the program to help train the next generation of HVAC/R technicians. I know first hand that apprenticeship programs like this help community members secure living wage positions.

I urge you to support community colleges.

Thank you,

*Tim Morse*