



## Northwestern Alaska Career and Technical Center

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To: Representative Neuman  
From: Doug Walrath, Director  
RE: TVEP Reauthorization

Dear Representative Neuman,

Thank you for your efforts to extend the Technical and Vocational Education Program (TVEP) by sponsoring HB 150. This line of funding is instrumental to the delivery of Career and Technical Education training in Northwestern Alaska with several hundred young adults receiving vocational training from TVEP annually.

NACTEC continues to refine our vocational training programs to align with the 2012-2016 Alaska Integrated Workforce Development Plan with a technical training focus on priority industries such as: health care, construction, education, seafood harvesting and processing, information technology, and natural resource development as vocations in demand in Northwestern Alaska.

TVEP funding is of crucial importance to prepare young adults with workforce development skills. NACTEC is currently developing a "Success Series" of posters dedicated to young adults who've made the next step to the workforce as a result of their training. As one example, Marcus Barr a past trainee from Brevig Mission, completed NACTEC training, continued on to advanced VPSO training through Yuut Elitnaurviat, and then returned to his home village where he is now a VPSO. TVEP funding was instrumental to this success.

An extension of the TVEP funding will permit a continuation in much needed vocational training programs to meet local workforce needs in our region and prepare more young adults like Marcus. NACTEC supports all efforts to extend the current TVEP sunset and appreciate your proactive efforts to make it happen this year.

Sincerely,

Douglas J. Walrath, NACTEC Director

Cc: The Honorable Representative Mike Chenault, Speaker of the House  
The Honorable Senator Charlie Huggins, Senate President  
Representative Kurt Olson, Chairman House Labor and Commerce  
Representative Bill Stoltze, Co-Chairman House Finance  
Representative Alan Austerman, Co-Chairman House Finance  
Dianne Blumer, Commissioner Department of Labor and Workforce Development