

ENR Cluster Adoption Letter of Support Template

[Month DD, Year]

[Full Name and Honorific of Recipient]

[Title]

[Address]

RE: Support for the Adoption of the Energy & Natural Resources CTE Career Cluster in [State]

Dear [Name],

As a representative of [Organization Name], I write to express support for the inclusion of the newly established Energy & Natural Resources (ENR) Career Cluster within [State]'s Career and Technical Education (CTE) framework. I urge your support in advancing this vital addition, as this is a critical step in preparing the workforce talent pipelines our industry and economy will need in the years ahead.

The National Career Clusters Framework, first developed in 2002, was recently updated to reflect major changes in the U.S. workforce. Led by Advance CTE and informed by extensive industry input, the modernization establishes ENR as a standalone cluster, recognizing the tremendous growth and transformation in the energy and natural resources sectors over the past two decades.

[State] has the pivotal opportunity to lead the way in preparing students for the high-demand, high-skill careers that are critical to our economy and the future of the ENR sectors. The stakes are high. Across our industry, we're already feeling the strain of workforce shortages, and we anticipate new technologies, increased power demands, infrastructure investments, and sustainability goals accelerating demand for skilled talent. Many of these roles don't require a four-year degree but instead benefit from CTE-related skills such as technical expertise, credentials, and hands-on training.

At [Organization Name], we're seeing this firsthand. [Insert organization-specific statistic or challenge. For example: "Over the next five years, we anticipate needing [X number] of skilled workers in [specific roles or areas]."] Without a strong talent pipeline, we risk delays in critical projects, increased costs, and missed opportunities to advance [Industry] in [State].

Current CTE programs can be tailored to meet [State]'s specific ENR workforce needs by integrating the new ENR Career Cluster and its six sub-clusters. As an industry partner, [Organization Name] is ready to collaborate on curriculum development, work-based learning opportunities, and career pathways that equip students with the practical skills they'll need to succeed on the job.

This move is an investment in our state's economic competitiveness, resilience, and the future of our industry. We need your leadership to ensure the ENR Career Cluster is formally adopted and supported in [State]. I urge you to publicly endorse this effort and help bring these opportunities into our local classrooms.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Please feel free to contact me if you have further questions on how [Organization Name] can support [State]'s workforce development goals. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

[Name]

[Title]

[Organization Name]

