

# United States Senate

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Dear President Buckley,

Congratulations to the entire RIT/NTID community as you celebrate 50 years since the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID) opened its doors at the Rochester Institute of Technology in 1968. Since then, NTID has produced more than 8,000 graduates and established itself as one of the nation's best schools providing an outstanding state-of-the-art education for its students. With its extensive program offerings, NTID prepares graduates with the skills they need to excel in their careers and thrive in our communities. The Rochester region, in particular, has been enriched thanks to NTID's contributions and graduates, many of whom have remained in Rochester to live, work, and create new businesses that are today propelling the region's economy and community forward. NTID also extends beyond the classroom, combining research and outreach to prepare students and professionals alike to work in fields related to deafness and to enhance the overall social, economic, and educational success of deaf people.

The success NTID has brought to its students and the global community is remarkable and I hold it as a top priority to encourage this progress by protecting and increasing federal support for this institution. NTID many achievements over the past five decades is a testament to how access, affordability, and resources can change communities and lives over many generations. I applaud the work and effort of the NTID faculty and students who continue to move our country forward with your commitment to education and your success in the workplace. Once again, let me offer my warmest appreciation for NTID's longstanding work in providing world-class higher education. I commend you for 50 years of great success and look forward to continuing to work together to encourage the growth of this institution and the future success it will bring to students and our global community.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Schumer  
U.S. Senator

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