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## Senator Amedore Announces Task Force on Workforce Development to Hold Public Forum April 17th

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Senator George Amedore (R-46th Senate District), and Senator Jack M. Martins (R-7th Senate District), Co-Chairs of the Senate's Task Force on Workforce Development, announced that the Task Force will hold its first public forum this Friday, April 17th. The forum will be held at the State Office Building, located at 250 Broadway in Manhattan, at 10 a.m.

"This forum is the first of many that will provide the Task Force with valuable input to help us develop solutions to bridge the gap between companies who are looking to locate here or existing businesses that are looking to expand, and potential workers who need to learn the skills necessary for today's changing economy," said Senator Amedore.

"Connecting people to jobs is priority number one for this Task Force. Developing initiatives that help provide opportunity for people to be trained for in-demand jobs benefits workers, employers, and our economy as a whole. This forum, the first of several we will be holding throughout the state, will get input from stakeholders about the best way to achieve that objective and help ensure that every New Yorker who wants a job has access to one," said Senator Martins.

Experts from workforce groups, labor organizations, government agencies, and higher education institutions have been invited to offer testimony addressing the following issues:

- The state of the New York economy and sectors of the economy that need trained, skilled workers, today and in the future;
- The proper way to address the crisis of dislocated workers and how to reinsert them into the workforce;
- Developing a better process to connect people who are willing to be trained with the open jobs that are available.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and view the forum, as well as submit written testimony. Oral testimony is by invitation only.

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