As communities battle with declining populations, innovative strategies are needed to attract and retain young talent. 

**Philanthropy West Virginia**, along with the leaders at the **Council of Michigan Foundations**, are advocating for passage of the Workforce Development through Post-Graduation Scholarships (SB676) legislation to make it possible for foundations to invest in attracting degreed/certificate post-secondary graduates back into our communities.

Thanks to U.S. Senators Shelley Moore Capito (WV) and Gary Peters (MI), a bill has been introduced SB676. This bill makes this a “charitable act” for foundations and makes the awards non-taxable to the recipients by paying off their loans directly. We advocate for this legislation’s passage as smart public policy helping local communities in West Virginia, Michigan and across the country grow and attract a younger workforce.

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