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Senator Patty Murray  
US Senate  
154 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington DC 20510

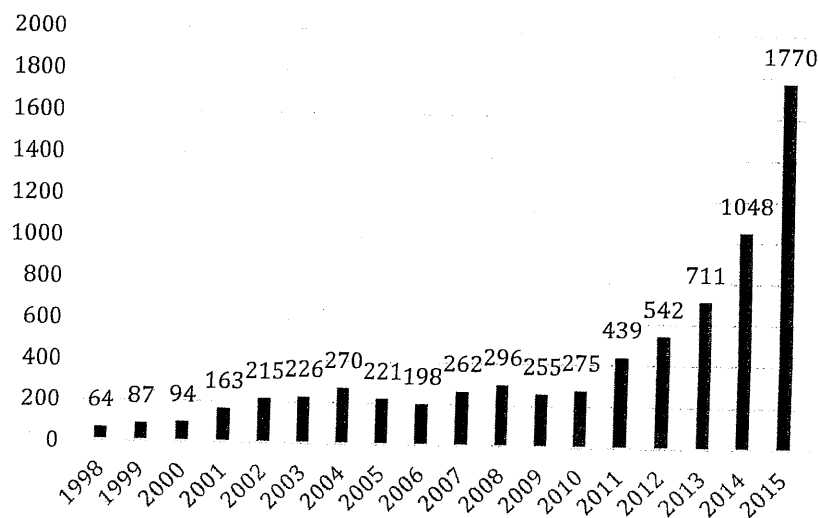
Dear Sen. Murray,

IBM urges you to support funding for K-12 computer science education in the FY 2017 Labor Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations bill.

With just one out of four schools in the United States offering computer science, we are not doing enough to align the skills taught by our education system with today's job market.

Washington's schools have made significant progress in aligning skills with the needs of the jobs market, resulting in a total of 1770 students taking the AP Computer Science test last year. However, Monster.com lists over 1000 Software Jobs in Washington as of this week.

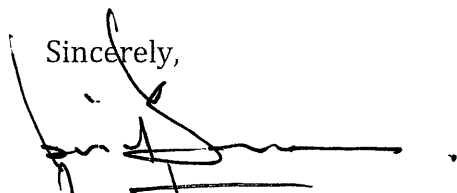
Number of Washington Students Taking AP Computer Science Test



Aligning our school systems with jobs is necessarily an ongoing process that should be funded. The additional funding would improve the pipeline of students with computer science skills needed in information technology, and other sectors such as manufacturing, agriculture, and transportation.

We urge you to support an additional \$250 million for computer science in the FY 2017 Labor Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies FY appropriations bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David N. Barnes", written over a horizontal line.

David N. Barnes

Vice President

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