
Flanked by Atsuo Kuki, the Institute’s president and director, and a life-size statue of Institute founder Dr. Edward Livingston Trudeau, Gillibrand commended the Trudeau Institute for helping to lead the way in coronavirus research as she outlined plans to help put Americans back to work.

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The Relaunching America’s Workforce Act, introduced by Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., and Rep. Bobby Scott, D-Va., would authorize over $10 billion to support and train workers while prioritizing the training of health care and other front-line workers. Of that, $1 billion would go to adult education providers while $1 billion would help fund career and technical education. Another $2 billion would be allocated to a community college career training grant program.
Gillibrand also called for the End Outsourcing Act to be included in the next coronavirus relief package. That legislation would prohibit federal incentives for outsourced jobs and ensure that federal policies only reward companies that invest in the United States.

With more than 30 million Americans filing for unemployment in June, Gillibrand reiterated that legislation is increasingly crucial.

“There’s no question but that New York has been hit hard because of this pandemic,” Gillibrand said. “But New Yorkers are resilient, and we’ve shown time and time again that there’s no challenge that we can’t overcome together.”

The Trudeau Institute, said Gillibrand, has provided inspiration. The senator toured the immunological research facility, which has pivoted to focus on developing testing agents that have dramatically increased local testing capacity, cleaning personal protective equipment and working on a vaccine. “To have that right here in upstate New York,” said Gillibrand, who confirmed that she and her family are looking for a home locally, “is an enormous asset.”

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