Dear Friends,

It is my great pleasure to congratulate NTID on its 50th anniversary. For half a century, NTID has been the standard bearer for postsecondary technical education for people who are deaf and hard-of-hearing. I am honored to celebrate this remarkable anniversary and I applaud the ways in which NTID has changed many people's lives.

I am immensely proud of RIT/NTID and its uniquely important role in making sure deaf and hard-of-hearing students receive equal education and opportunities. I fight for NTID's federal funding to ensure that this institute can continue to be one of the world's great destinations for deaf and hard-of-hearing students. With new outreach initiatives, new programs like the Rochester Bridges to the Doctorate, and new opportunities for innovation and entrepreneurship provided at RIT, I know NTID will educate, employ, and empower deaf and hard-of-hearing leaders for years to come.

Once again, congratulations on 50 years of history-making. Here's to the next 50 and beyond.

Sincerely,

Kirsten Gillibrand
United States Senator