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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your kind invitation to join you this afternoon. Though the Congressional schedule keeps me in Washington today, I am pleased to have this opportunity to extend my sincere congratulations to all of those celebrating their graduation from the Veterans Employability Training workshop. I have no doubt that, with the skills you have obtained and the job placement services that are provided through this program, you will all enjoy great success as you enter the job market.

We owe a great debt of gratitude to all of our veterans - - and particularly those who sacrificed a part of themselves in the service of our nation. The armed services teaches our veterans many lessons, among them self-sufficiency and independence. It is those lessons that have brought you here today and that will continue to serve you well in the future. The Veterans Employability Training program is one of the many ways that we, as a community, can give back to you in thanks for your commitment to military service.

By participating in this program, you have demonstrated a unique commitment to yourselves and your education. Completing this program required you to challenge yourselves and you should be very proud of all that you have already accomplished. I am sorry that I cannot be with you today. Again, congratulations and best wishes for success in all of your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rosa L. DeLauro', with a large, sweeping flourish above the name.

ROSA L. DeLAURO  
Member of Congress