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Congressmen Brett Guthrie meets with KGA representatives to talk about geographic literacy on Feb. 28, 2013

Congressmen Brett Guthrie (2nd District of Kentucky) met with Kentucky Geographic Alliance representatives Allison Hunt (DuPont Manual High School) and Scott Dobler (Western Kentucky University) to talk about the [Teaching Geography is Fundamental](#) Act. Geography is the only core academic subject that has not received federal funding from 2001-2012 (US Dept. of Ed.). The KGA representatives traveled to Washington to meet with Kentucky legislators and staff to speak about how the lack of geographic literacy jeopardizes our global competitiveness. Data presented include how the US geospatial industry generates approximately \$73 billion in revenues in 2011 and comprises at least 500,000 high-wage jobs (The Boston Consulting Group, 2013). A talent shortfall is expected to grow over the next 5-10 years due to lack of geographic literacy and education.

Although the bill will benefit all students in the United States, there are specific needs in Kentucky. A series of maps is being developed by the Kentucky Geographic Alliance that addresses a number of equity issues that include Kentucky. The maps presented below are a few examples. Follow the Kentucky Geographic Alliance on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) to join in the conversation about how geography is fundamental to the decisions that we make in today's world.

