**Template Superintendent Letter to Congressional Delegation**

Dear MEMBER OF CONGRESS,

As the Superintendent of DISTRICT, I am writing on behalf of our district to ask you to protect funding for the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) throughout the Fiscal Year 2018 appropriations process. We recognize that Congress will face challenging decisions about federal spending and national priorities this year, and we ask that CNCS remain among your top priorities.

National service members play a critical role in helping schools across DISTRICT/CITY implement locally-selected evidence-based improvement strategies, provide students with a well-rounded education, and support students’ health, safety, and well-being. These programs are crucial to DISTRICT’s ability to plan effectively and provide support to our students, teachers, and the broader community.

Some of our most critical partners that help us meet our local vision for educational excellence here in DISTRICT/CITY, including LIST AMERICORPS AND SENIOR CORPS PROGRAMS, depend on CNCS to engage citizens in service. Through AmeriCorps and Senior Corps, CNCS provides cost-effective opportunities for us to provide the additional supports needed to ensure that our students master academic content and gain the skills that will help them succeed in college and career. Our partnerships with AmeriCorps and Senior Corps help us deliver quality extended learning time, evidence-based academic tutoring and mentoring programs, and programs that increase family engagement.

For example, our partnership with NAME AMERICORPS OR SENIOR CORPS PROGRAM across # schools has led to impressive results in partnership with teachers and principals. DESCRIBE PROGRAM MODEL AND LOCAL IMPACT. AMERICORPS/SENIOR CORPS members help shape a positive culture and climate and serve as caring adults in the lives of our students.

However, these results will not be possible without continued funding for CNCS. And CNCS programs are grounded in an innovative public-private partnership model. For every $10 in federal money appropriated, another $15 is raised separately from private sources to fund AmeriCorps partnerships across the country.

Superintendents across the country benefit from the high-impact, cost-effective services organizations supported by CNCS provide. Nationally, more than half of AmeriCorps resources are directed toward education with more than 11,000 public, parochial, and charter schools receiving support from national service programs. Furthermore, national service delivers broader benefits to our community. A study by economists at Columbia University found that for every federal dollar invested in national service, there is a nearly $4 return to society in terms of higher earnings, increased output, and other community benefits.

In closing, I personally invite you visit [DISTRICT] this year. A visit to our schools will show you the positive impact national service programs are having on our students and schools, and will also allow you to see how the federal investment in CNCS is supporting our local vision for educational excellence. To learn more about CNCS programs in our district or to arrange a school visit, please contact NAME, TITLE at EMAIL.

I’m counting on you and our entire congressional delegation to continue the critical support that our [DISTRICT] students and schools depend on from CNCS, AmeriCorps, and Senior Corps.

Sincerely,

[NAME]

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