



Dear Chairman Blunt, Ranking Member Murray, Chairman Cole, and Ranking Member DeLauro:

As leaders of education organizations that work to ensure that all students across the country receive a high quality education, we are writing to ask you to protect funding for the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) and the AmeriCorps and Senior Corps members who help schools effectively meet the needs of our nation's students.

We recognize that Congress will face challenging decisions about federal spending and national priorities this year, and we ask that CNCS, AmeriCorps, and Senior Corps remain among your top priorities. National service members play a critical role in helping schools 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 for districts across the country, enabling them to effectively plan for and provide support to our students, teachers, and the broader community.

In addition, AmeriCorps serves as a critical professional pipeline for tomorrow's teachers and educational leaders. Through participation in national service programs, AmeriCorps members are exposed to the unique challenges facing our nation's students and schools. By self-selecting into the field of education after their term of service, AmeriCorps alumni create a robust and diverse supply of teachers and administrative leaders equipped to address complex issues, student needs, and many schools and organizations recruit AmeriCorps alumni for teaching and other leadership positions.

School districts across the country benefit from the high-impact, cost-effective services that organizations supported by CNCS provide. Nationally, about half of CNCS funding directed toward education, with nearly 12,000 traditional district, public charter, and parochial 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.

On behalf of our students, educators, schools and communities, we urge you to protect funding for CNCS, AmeriCorps, and Senior Corps. If our schools lose national service members, it will be exceedingly difficult to ensure students receive the attention and support they require to succeed in school and the workforce.

Sincerely,

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*Signatures as of June 29, 2017*