

March 24, 2023

The Honorable Robert Aderholt
Chair
Subcommittee on Labor, Health
and Human Services, Education,
and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Labor, Health
and Human Services, Education,
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Dear Chairman Aderholt and Ranking Member DeLauro:

We are writing to thank the Subcommittee for its past support of national service programs and respectfully request that you support the highest possible funding level for AmeriCorps, formally the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), in the Fiscal Year 2024 (FY 2024) Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations bill.

As you know, CNCS is the nation's leading grant provider for service and volunteering, administering AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors. Working hand in hand with thousands of local partners, AmeriCorps programs engage more than 200,000 national service participants in results-driven service at nearly 40,000 locations across the country each year. These dedicated Americans recruit and manage more than five million additional volunteers as they work to create jobs, deliver disaster relief, prepare a better-trained workforce, promote health, strengthen the economy, and improve communities nationwide. With increased funding, we can support the continued expansion of service opportunities and impact of AmeriCorps members while increase investment in member benefits in FY 2024.

National service harnesses the energy and ingenuity of our nation's most valuable resource – our citizens – to bolster the capacity of the social and public sectors to address local needs and save taxpayer dollars. According to a 2020 study, every \$1 in federal funding invested in national service programs returns \$17 to society, resulting in higher earnings, increased output, and other community-wide benefits. In fact, AmeriCorps is one of the largest employers of young Americans, allowing participants to gain marketable job skills and experience to increase their employability and earning potential.

National service is a public-private partnership which recognizes that no one sector can meet our challenges alone and that America is at its best when citizens work together joined in common purpose. The resources provided by AmeriCorps, matched by significant support from the private sector, are helping organizations across the country work in creative ways to tackle our most persistent and costly challenges by:

- Responding to the COVID-19 pandemic through supporting students with distance learning, helping schools to reopen safely, providing counseling and mental support to families, delivering food and medicine to vulnerable populations, helping struggling

Americans access government nutrition and rental assistance, and staffing 311 and vaccine hotlines;

- Deploying AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers to provide relief and recovery assistance to communities impacted by wildfires in California, floods in New Mexico and Missouri, and Hurricanes Ian and Fiona in Florida and Puerto Rico;
- Assisting nearly 250,000 veterans and military family members each year with job training and employment services, benefit counseling, transportation, and housing support;
- Helping Americans lead healthier lives by addressing public health issues including opioid and substance abuse addiction and assisting with addiction prevention, reduction, and recovery;
- Increasing access to safe, affordable housing for thousands of families through Habitat for Humanity and other organizations;
- Providing additional student support in one out of four persistently low achieving schools;
- Assisting over 200,000 low-income families and individuals across the country with free tax preparation services;
- Creating pathways to employment and a pipeline of citizen leaders.

For all these reasons, we urge you to provide highest possible funding for AmeriCorps in FY 2024. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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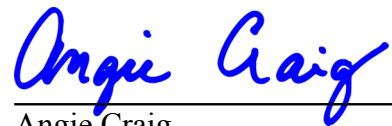
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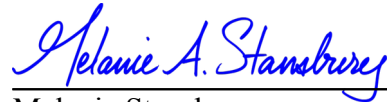
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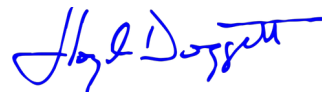
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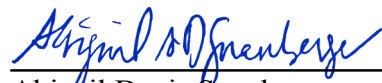
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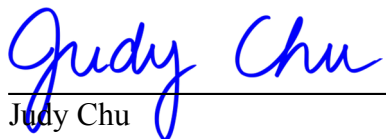
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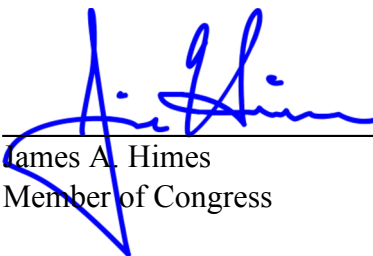
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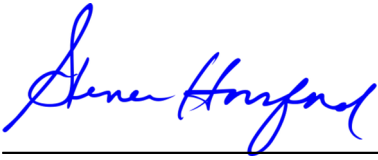
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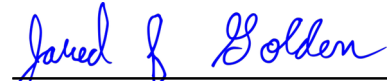
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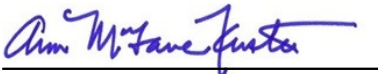
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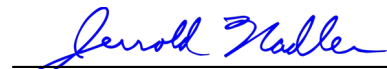
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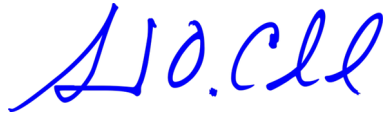
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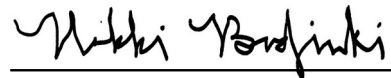
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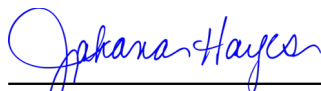
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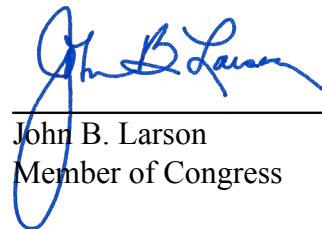
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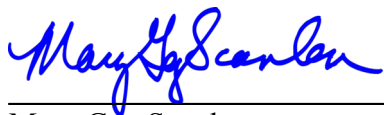
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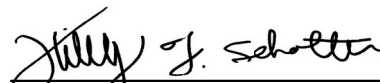
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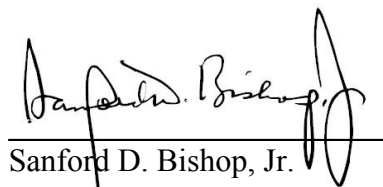
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