



VOICES *for* NATIONAL SERVICE

The Honorable Tammy Baldwin
Chair
Senate Subcommittee on Labor-HHS Appropriations
U.S. Senate
141 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Robert Aderholt
Chair
House Subcommittee on Labor-HHS Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
266 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
Ranking Member
Senate Subcommittee on Labor-HHS Appropriations
U.S. Senate
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Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Subcommittee on Labor-HHS Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Baldwin, Ranking Member Capito, Chair Aderholt, and Ranking Member DeLauro:

The undersigned organizations are concerned about fiscal year 2024 funding for the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), also known as AmeriCorps. While we understand that Congress faces challenging budget decisions as a result of the debt deal, we hope you will ultimately provide a robust appropriation for CNCS in FY24 so that communities can continue to count on AmeriCorps for help where it's needed most.

The House and Senate have proposed funding levels for AmeriCorps that are vastly different. The House Labor-HHS Appropriations bill cuts the service agency's budget by 50%—the lowest level in nearly three decades. It also eliminates all funding for AmeriCorps education awards, undermining a fundamental commitment that if you serve in AmeriCorps, you will earn money to help pay for college or to pay back student loans. The House proposal would eliminate tens of thousands of AmeriCorps positions and resources that our communities cannot afford to lose.

While the Senate bill is comparatively a step in the right direction, it still falls short of what is needed to fund planned increases to the AmeriCorps member living allowances and maintain AmeriCorps' footprint across the country. CNCS will be increasing living allowances in FY24, a strategic investment that was endorsed by a sizable, bipartisan group of senators and representatives earlier this year. But without additional investment by Congress, it would trigger a significant cut in awarded positions and a reduction in services that AmeriCorps members provide.

Since 1993, AmeriCorps has deployed more than 1.25 million Americans to the local front lines of our nation's most immediate and critical issues. Every day, dedicated AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors respond to natural disasters, tutoring students, combatting hunger and homelessness, fighting the opioid epidemic, helping seniors live independently, supporting veterans and military families, and far more.

AmeriCorps is one of the federal government's best investments. AmeriCorps service members offer community organizations the people power they need to solve urgent local challenges – and AmeriCorps grants are matched by funds from private, philanthropic, and local sources, increasing the impact of the

taxpayer dollars. This high-impact and efficient public-private partnership yields more than \$17 in benefits for every \$1 invested by Congress.

For FY24 appropriations, we hope you will pledge to reject any cuts and support a robust investment that leverages AmeriCorps' impact and sustains our current corps size. Thank you for your leadership in Congress.

Yours in Service,

[As of 9/5/2023]

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9/11 Day

AccessKC

AcruxkC (formerly Baptist-Trinity Lutheran Legacy Foundation)

Alpine Achievers Initiative

America Forward

America Learns

America Learns LLC

American Youthworks

AmeriCorps | Florida VISTA Network

AmeriCorps Central Texas

AmeriCorps Project CHANGE

AmeriCorps Seniors Professional Network

Appalachian Mountain Club

Association Guidance

Baltimore Corps

Boys & Girls Clubs of Western Pennsylvania

Break A Difference

Breakthrough Central Texas

California Family Resource Association

California Volunteers, Office of the Governor

Campus Compact

Casa de Esperanza de los Ninos, Inc.

Chattanooga-Hamilton County Public Education Foundation

Child Abuse Prevention Center

Citizen Schools

City Fresh

City of Philadelphia Office of Community Empowerment and Opportunity

City Year

Civic Works, Inc.

CivicWell

Coalition for Service-Learning

CoGenerate (formerly Encore.org)

Colorado Youth Corps Association

Colorado Youth for a Change

Communities First, Inc.

Community Development for All People

Community Refugee and Immigration Services (CRIS)
Community Roots
Conservation Legacy
DREAM
E5 Enterprise
EDGE Consulting Partners
Education Forward Arizona
Education Reform Now
Family Scholar House-KY HealthCorps
FoodCorps
Franklin's Promise Coalition
Generation Teach Inc.
GO Foundation
Great Basin Institute
Greater Springfield Habitat for Humanity
Habitat for Humanity International
Habitat for Humanity of Findlay/Hancock County
Hilliard Food Pantry Plus
Hindman Settlement School - ReadingCorps
Homewood Children's Village
Hunger Free America
Impact America
Indianapolis Neighborhood Resource Center
Intergovernmental Internship Cooperative
Kanbe's Markets
Kentucky Intervention Team-Fulton Independent School District
Larimer County Conservation Corps
Literacy KC
Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC)
Louisiana Green Corps
Massachusetts Service Alliance
Mattie Rhodes Center
MENTOR
Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness
Michigan Nonprofit Association
Mile High Youth Corps
Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity
Minnesota Alliance With Youth
Montana Conservation Corps
Move for America
National Association of RSVP Directors
National Peace Corps Association
National Youth Leadership Council
NJ Youth Corps of Phillipsburg
Northwestern Ohio Community Action Commission Inc.
Office of Higher Education
Ohio Association of Foodbanks
Ohio Campus Compact
OneStar Foundation

Partners for Rural Impact
Playworks
Points of Light
PowerCorpsPHL
Public Allies
Public Allies San Antonio
Quaker Voluntary Service
Relay Graduate School of Education
Repair the World
Rocky Mountain Conservancy
Rocky Mountain Youth Corps - NM
Rocky Mountain Youth Corps (CO & WY)
Rural Youth Catalyst
San Jose Conservation Corps & Charter School
SBP
Serve Alaska, Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (DCCED)
Serve Connecticut
Serve Kentucky Commission
ServeMinnesota
ServeWyoming
Service Year Alliance
Serving Our Neighbors Ministries (DBA Festa)
Seton Center Inc
Special Day Camp Programs/Camp Chabad
States for Service Coalition/America's Service Commissions
Stelos Alliance
Student Conservation Association
Teach For America
The Appalachian Regional Coalition on Homelessness
The CAKE Initiative
The Children's Foundation
The Community Action Committee of Pike County
The Corps Network
The Hardy Center Inc.
The Literacy Lab
TrustedRiders Inc.
United Way of Greenville County
Up2Us Sports
Washington United Church of Christ
West Ohio Food Bank
West Orange Habitat for Humanity
WestCare Texas
Westside Free Store Ministries
With Honor Action
YMCA of the USA
Young Adult Development in Action Inc
Youth Action Programs and Homes, Inc.
Youth Service America
YouthBuild Louisville

YouthBuild USA