



Segal AmeriCorps Education Award Tax Relief Act

Background: The Segal AmeriCorps Education Award Tax Relief Act – introduced by Sen. Michael Bennet (D-CO), Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-LA), Rep. Don Bacon (R-NE) and Rep. John Larson (D-CT) – seeks to make the education award that AmeriCorps members receive upon completion of service exempt from federal taxation.

The AmeriCorps Education Award is treated differently than other fellowships, scholarships, and educational award programs designed with a similar purpose, including Pell Grants, the GI Bill Benefit, and the National Health Service Corps. The AmeriCorps Education Award is treated as taxable income, and none of it can be withheld to pay the resulting taxes. The Segal AmeriCorps Education Award Tax Relief Act would fix this by excluding the education award from taxable gross income. To learn more, [click here](#).

How you can help:

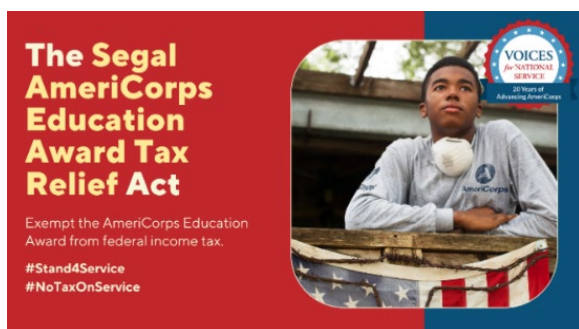
1. Please use and share the social media posts and graphics from Voices for National to help raise awareness, thank the sponsors, and encourage more members of Congress to support the Segal AmeriCorps Education Award Tax Relief Act.
2. [Send a letter](#) to your senators and representatives using our “Contact Congress” email tool, urging lawmakers to support the Segal AmeriCorps Education Award Tax Relief Act. If appropriate, we hope you will encourage other AmeriCorps alumni and supporters to use this Contact Congress tool as well.
3. If you are an AmeriCorps alum who has been impacted by the tax on your education award, we’d love to hear from you – please share your story with us [here](#).

Draft Posts & Graphics – Informative:

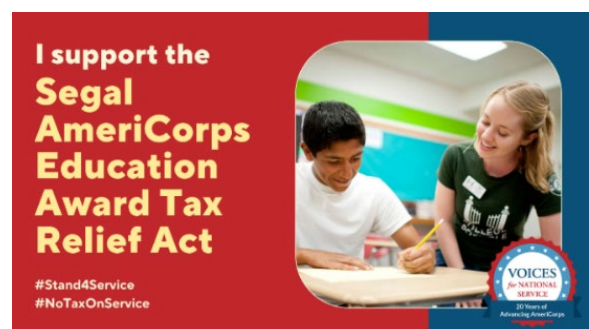
Thank you @SenatorBennet, @SenBillCassidy, @RepDonBacon & @RepJohnLarson for introducing the @AmeriCorps Education Award Tax Relief Act. AmeriCorps members should not be taxed on their service. #NoTaxOnService #Stand4Service <https://www.bennet.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/press-releases?id=2185975E-9098-4DB0-91EE-192F139B27E5>

.@AmeriCorps provides a path to educational opportunity for those who serve, but alums are taxed on their ed award, causing financial stress. Yesterday, @SenatorBennet, @SenBillCassidy, @RepDonBacon & @RepJohnLarson introduced a bill to eliminate the tax on service. #NoTaxOnService

@ORG thanks @SenatorBennet, @SenBillCassidy, @RepDonBacon, and @RepJohnLarson for their leadership on the @AmeriCorps Education Award Tax Relief Act. #NoTaxOnService #Stand4Service



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Draft Posts & Graphics – Call to Action:

@SenatorBennet @SenBillCassidy @RepDonBacon & @RepJohnLarson have reintroduced the @AmeriCorps Education Award Tax Relief Act. Send an email to your congressperson and tell them #NoTaxOnService <https://bit.ly/ACTax118>. #Stand4Service

.@ORG urges Congress to pass the @AmeriCorps Education Award Tax Relief Act. Join us! Click this link and send a #NoTaxOnService message to your lawmakers: <https://bit.ly/ACTax118>. #Stand4Service

A key component of @AmeriCorps is providing a path to economic & educational opportunity for those who serve. But alums are hit by an unanticipated tax causing financial stress. Tell Congress to pass the Education Award Tax Relief Act. <https://bit.ly/ACTax118>. #NoTaxOnService

Serving your community through @AmeriCorps shouldn't come with an added financial burden. It's time to eliminate the tax on the #AmeriCorps Education Award. Join us and tell your member of Congress #NoTaxOnService - <https://bit.ly/ACTax118>. #Stand4Service

Are you an @AmeriCorps alum who was impacted by the tax on your Education Award? Tell Congress it's time to pass the #AmeriCorps Education Award Tax Relief Act: <https://bit.ly/ACTax118>. #NoTaxOnService #Stand4Service

.@AmeriCorps members deserve to make the most of their education award. Tell Congress #NoTaxOnService: <https://bit.ly/ACTax118>. #Stand4Service



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