

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

March 26, 2026

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
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Dear Chairman Aderholt and Ranking Member DeLauro:

We are deeply thankful for the Subcommittee's continued support of national service programs and respectfully request that you provide \$1.291 billion of funding and support for AmeriCorps, formerly the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), in the Fiscal Year 2027 (FY 2027) Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations bill. This strategic investment will support vital programs, allowing communities to continue to rely on AmeriCorps for critical services and resources, and help our country meet the goals of the bipartisan Serve America Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-13).

As you know, AmeriCorps 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 national service participants in results-driven service 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 protect service opportunities for Americans of all ages, make further investments in member benefits, drive more impact, and continue to improve the agency's financial management and operations.

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 that recognizes that no one sector can meet our challenges alone and that America is at its best when citizens work together in pursuit of a common purpose. CNCS—which leverages approximately \$1 billion in matched resources from the private sector, foundations, and local agencies—is helping organizations across the country work in creative ways to tackle our most persistent and costly challenges by:

- Deploying AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers to provide relief and recovery assistance to communities impacted by severe winter storms, wildfires, floods, tornados, and more local disasters;
- Assisting 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 such as opioid and substance abuse prevention, reduction, and recovery;
- Increasing access to safe, affordable housing for thousands of families;
- Addressing food insecurity and hunger by increasing delivery of and access to healthy meals for millions of Americans;
- Providing additional tutoring and student support in schools, helping prepare students for college and careers;
- Assisting low-income families and individuals across the country with free tax preparation services;
- Harnessing the skills and wisdom of older generations to help homebound seniors live independently each year; and
- Creating pathways to employment and a pipeline of local leaders.

We are requesting a modest increase in overall AmeriCorps funding with a targeted 5% increase for accounts that have shown the strongest demand and are best positioned for responsible growth including AmeriCorps State and National, VISTA, RSVP, the Volunteer Generation Fund, Days of Service, and State Commission Support Grants. Our national service infrastructure must remain strong so communities can keep meeting urgent needs, programs can respond quickly when disaster strikes, and AmeriCorps can recruit, train, and deploy members and volunteers effectively in every state and territory.

We are aware of the difficult fiscal choices our country faces. Continuing to recognize and investing in the work of CNCS and its AmeriCorps members will strengthen our nation's commitment to service. We urge you to support funding for CNCS in FY 2027. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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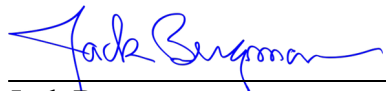
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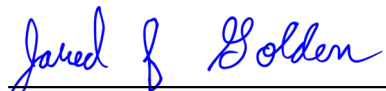
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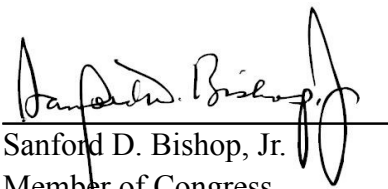
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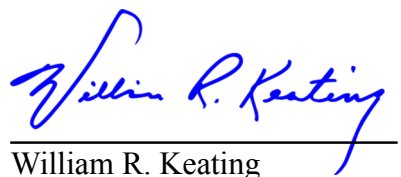
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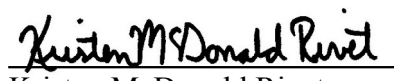
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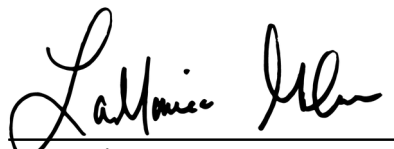
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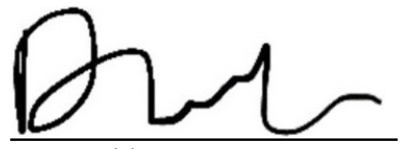
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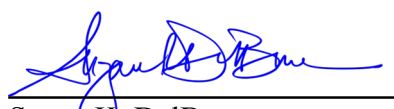
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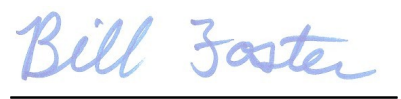
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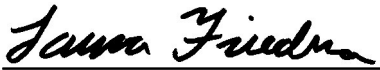
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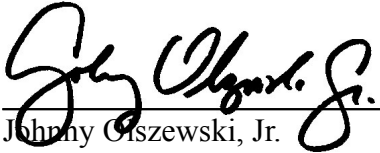
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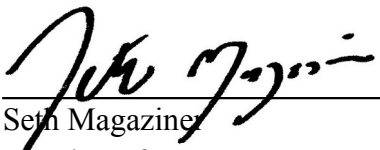
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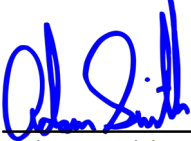
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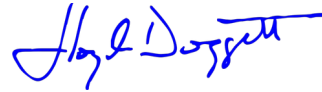
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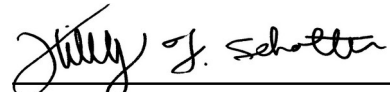
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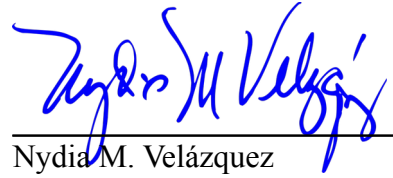
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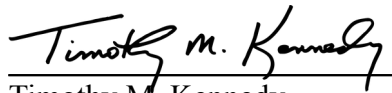
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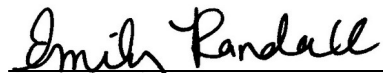
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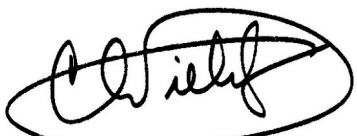
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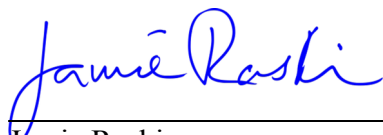
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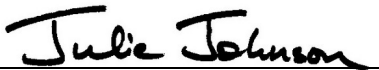
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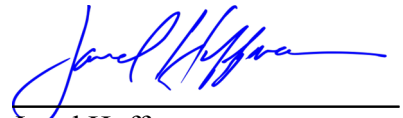
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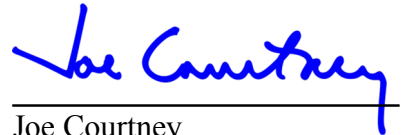
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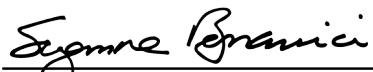
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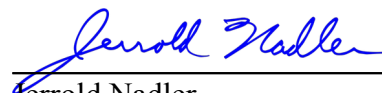
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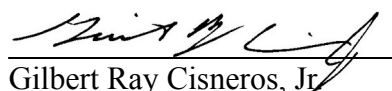
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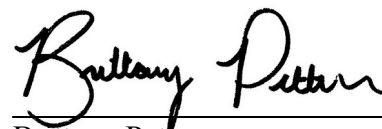
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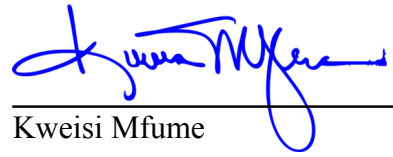
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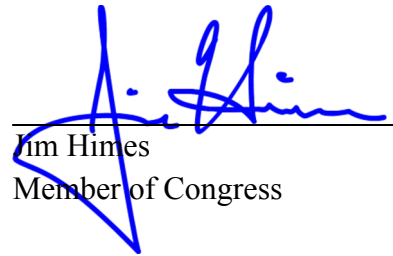
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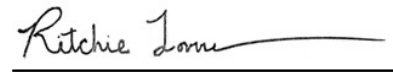
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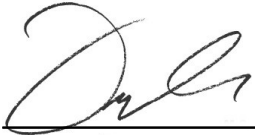
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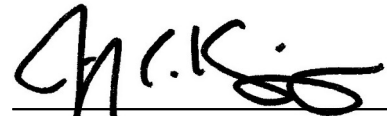
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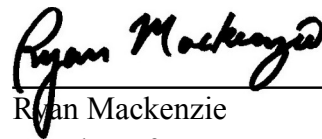
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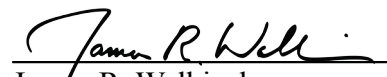
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