



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

As leaders of cities across the United States, we are writing to express our support for the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), the federal agency that administers national service programs including AmeriCorps and Senior Corps.

We know that Americans want to help solve the problems facing their communities, including students not reading at grade level, blighted neighborhoods, homelessness, and unemployment. AmeriCorps and Senior Corps enable citizens to serve for a significant period of time, helping to ensure their neighbors' needs are met in a cost-efficient way. Working hand in hand with thousands of local partners, CNCS programs engage more than 344,000 Americans in results-driven service at more than 50,000 locations across the country each year. These dedicated national service members recruit and manage more than three million additional volunteers who help to create jobs, support veterans and military families, deliver disaster relief, prepare a better-trained workforce, promote health, strengthen local economies, lessen dependence on government, and make neighborhoods safer.

American voters overwhelmingly support the federal investment in CNCS. A poll conducted by TargetPoint Consulting shows that 83 percent of voters want Congress to maintain or increase funding for national service programs. Voters believe that national service helps to prepare young people for the workforce, build stronger neighborhoods and communities, and restore important values of patriotism and civic duty to young people.

CNCS is also a smart public investment. The federal appropriation for CNCS accounts for a mere .03 percent of the federal budget overall, but this modest investment delivers significant returns. Research by economists at Columbia University demonstrates that every dollar invested in national service generates returns to society of nearly four dollars in terms of higher wages, increased output, and community-wide benefits. Additionally, for every \$10 in federal money appropriated for CNCS, another \$15 is separately raised from other sources to fund national service partnerships in urban, rural and suburban communities nationwide.

Despite overwhelming public support and a clear return on investment, the White House's fiscal year 2018 budget blueprint proposes to eliminate CNCS, AmeriCorps and Senior Corps. We know the current budgetary climate requires tough decisions regarding federal spending, but if enacted, the White House's recommendation would have a detrimental effect on our communities. At a time when cities face many challenges, we urge you and your colleagues to protect funding for CNCS—an investment that will strengthen our communities, our people and our nation.

Thank you for your leadership and support.

Sincerely,

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Mayor Timothy Elinski, Cottonwood, Arizona  
Mayor Greg Stanton, Phoenix, Arizona  
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Mayor Ralph Kingan, Wright, Wyoming

*Signatures as of May 26, 2017*