

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

April 10, 2025

The Honorable Donald J. Trump  
President of the United States of America  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Trump:

As you consider taking action to reform the Corporation for National and Community Service, typically referred to as AmeriCorps, we urge you to work with Congress rather than taking executive action that would halt the important work this agency is engaged in.

National service remains one of the great unifiers in our country, bringing people together across partisan lines regardless of background. Like military service, community service helps to bridge the divisions that exist our nation, and preforms a vital role in every state. Not only do these opportunities provide an important avenue for Americans to come together at a time when we seemingly couldn't be more divided, but AmeriCorps funding offers an excellent return on investment for our communities. One recent study demonstrated that for every \$1 Congress invests in AmeriCorps and in AmeriCorps Seniors, our country benefits more than \$17.

Over the last 30 years more than 900,000 Americans have served as AmeriCorps members, contributing more than 1.2 billion hours of service to their communities, accounting for a value of more than \$38 billion across every state and U.S. territory.<sup>1</sup> AmeriCorps members have helped Americans recover from natural disasters, combat the opioid epidemic, and even rebuild after terrorist attacks like 9/11. Just last year, hundreds of AmeriCorps members supported recovery operations in states across the Southwest in response to Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton.<sup>2</sup>

National service is a public-private partnership which recognizes that America is at its best when citizens work together in common purpose. The resources provided by AmeriCorps, matched by significant support from States and the private sector, are helping organizations across the country work in creative ways to tackle our most persistent and costly challenges. That is why a bipartisan group of Members of Congress have always come together to appropriate funds for this agency, through legislation always signed into law by the President.

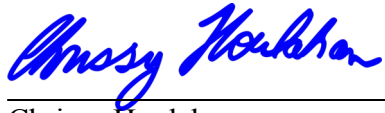
As you consider changes to these programs, we ask that you continue to work legislatively with Congress to deliver the updates needed to honor Americas history of service.

Sincerely,

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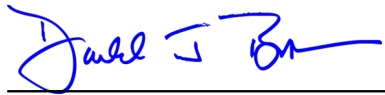
<sup>1</sup> <https://www.pointsoflight.org/blog/ameri-corps-30-years-community-investment-philanthropy/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://ameri-corps.gov/about/what-we-do/active-disaster-response>



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