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119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To prohibit the use of funds to eliminate the Corporation for National
and Community Service.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. HOULAHAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

To prohibit the use of funds to eliminate the Corporation
for National and Community Service.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Protect National Serv-
5 ice Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS; SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

8 (1) A recent study from Voices for National
9 Service found that every \$1 in Federal taxes in-

1 vested in AmeriCorps and Senior Corps returns
2 \$17.30 to society.

3 (2) Over the last 30 years, more than 900,000
4 Americans have served as AmeriCorps members,
5 contributing more than 1,200,000,000 hours of serv-
6 ice to their communities and accounting for a value
7 of more than \$38,000,000,000 across every United
8 States State and United States Territory.

9 (3) The statute first authorizing the agency,
10 and subsequent reform efforts, have received strong
11 bipartisan support over multiple decades, including
12 from Presidential administrations of both parties.

13 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
14 gress that—

15 (1) any reform or reorganization of the Cor-
16 poration for National and Community Service should
17 be done—

18 (A) in accordance with existing laws;

19 (B) in a manner that maintains the United
20 States support for national service;

21 (C) in a manner that allows the National
22 Service Trust to continue to meet all of its obli-
23 gations to participants in AmeriCorps; and

24 (D) in a manner that maintains the Fed-
25 eral Government's active role in meeting unmet

1 human, educational, environmental, and public
2 safety needs, as well as in renewing the ethic of
3 civic responsibility by encouraging citizens to
4 participate in national service programs; and

5 (2) only an act of Congress can eliminate the
6 Corporation for National and Community Service as
7 a Government corporation, as defined in section 103
8 of title 5, United States Code.

9 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION OF FUNDS TO ELIMINATE THE COR-**
10 **PORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY**
11 **SERVICE.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Consistent with section 1413 of
13 the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental
14 Appropriations Act of 1999 (22 U.S.C. 6563), no Federal
15 funds appropriated or otherwise made available by the
16 American Relief Act, 2025 (Public Law 118–158) or any
17 other or prior appropriations Act may be made available
18 to eliminate the status of the Corporation for National and
19 Community Service as a Government corporation, as de-
20 fined in section 103 of title 5, United States Code.

21 (b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
22 tion shall be construed to indicate that the elimination,
23 dismantlement, or subsummation of the Corporation for
24 National and Community Service is permissible under ex-
25 isting law.

1 (c) CERTIFICATION.—Not later than 30 days after
2 the date of enactment of this act, and annually for 5 years
3 thereafter, the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation
4 for National and Community Service shall certify to the
5 appropriate Committees compliance with this section.

6 (d) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-
7 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate commit-
8 tees of Congress” means—

9 (1) the Committee on Education and Workforce
10 of the House of Representatives; and

11 (2) the Committee on Health, Education,
12 Labor, and Pensions of the Senate.