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Washington, DC 20515

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Chairman Robert Aderholt  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and  
Human Services, Education, and  
Related Agencies  
House Appropriations Committee  
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Washington, DC 20515

Ranking Member Rosa L. DeLauro  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health, and  
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House Appropriations Committee  
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Dear Chairman Aderholt and Ranking Member DeLauro:

As you prepare the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026, we urge you to provide funding levels to allow our nation's Job Corps campuses to sustain their full operational capacity, prevent future closures or reductions in services, and address the backlog of safety-related facility needs identified by the U.S. Department of Labor.

At the end of [2024](#), the labor force participation rate was 62.7%, down from 63.3% in February 2020. The labor force participation rate was even lower for the 16–24 year-old population that Job Corps serves, at [60%](#) as of July 2024. Job Corps is one of the few national programs that specifically targets this population and provides a direct pathway into employment, including construction and manufacturing industries, higher education, or the military. By filling job openings, Job Corps ensures that young people become productive members of the labor force. In fact, [studies](#) show that Job Corps increases participants' employment and wages as well as decreases their reliance on public benefits.

Job Corps has the capacity to serve more than 50,000 out-of-work and out-of-school youth each year. This capacity is limited however by a recent funding shortfall as well as a [\\$715 million backlog](#) in facility and infrastructure projects. We encourage you to support investments to ensure our local Job Corps campuses can connect as many young Americans as possible with careers. Job Corps FY 2026 appropriations also should include language to remove regulations and restructure Job Corps' administration to yield savings.

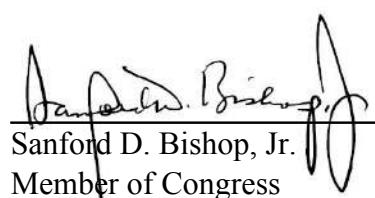
We appreciate your ongoing support of Job Corps. We urge you to support our request to provide sufficient funding for Job Corps to help meet employers' needs with skilled workers, avoid future closures, and ensure that all Job Corps facilities are safe. Your support will allow Job Corps to continue its track record of providing effective career and technical education to many of the most vulnerable young Americans in our communities.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Sincerely,

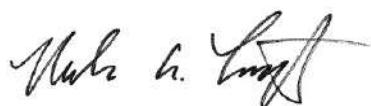


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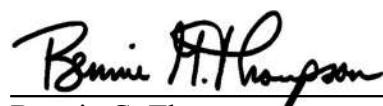
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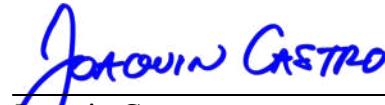


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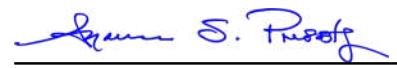
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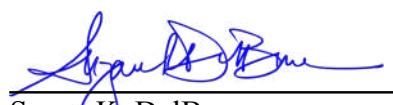
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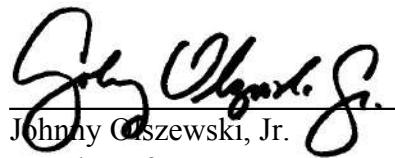
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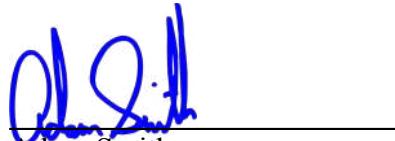
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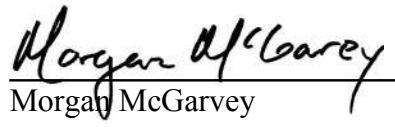
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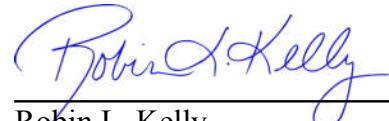
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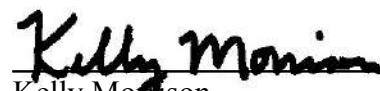
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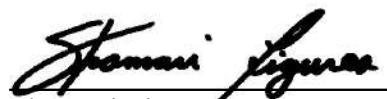
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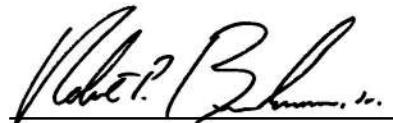
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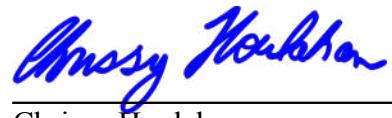
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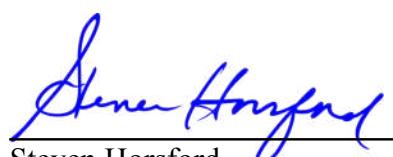
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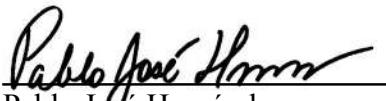
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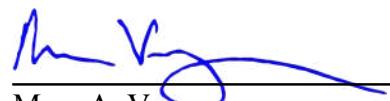
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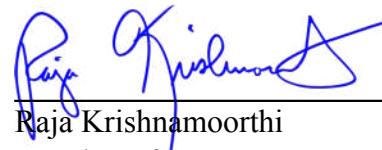
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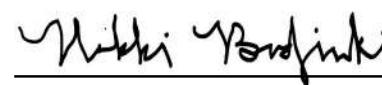
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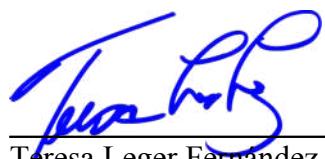
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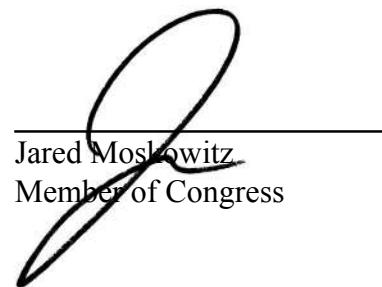
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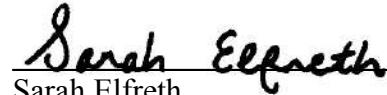
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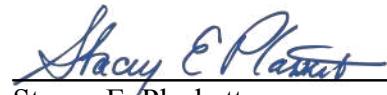
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