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Education, and Related Agencies
House Committee on Appropriations*

Budget Hearing: Corporation for National and Community Service

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Opening Statement As Prepared

Good morning. It is my pleasure to welcome Ms. Wendy Spencer, the CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service, to the Subcommittee on Labor, HHS, and Education to discuss the agency's fiscal year 2017 budget request.

We are looking forward to hearing your testimony, especially since it has been quite a while since this subcommittee has held a hearing on the Corporation's budget. We tried to have you up last year but unfortunately we had to cancel because of conflicting schedules. We are very happy that you are here today to join us.

America has a long and rich history of service and volunteerism. About one in four Americans formally volunteered with an organization in 2014, contributing in ways ranging from tutoring, to preparing meals for the homeless, to assisting their neighbors in the wake of natural disasters.

The Corporation's programs support, enhance, and expand upon these efforts through helping to build capacity at the state and local level and by awarding grants to place volunteers where they are needed across the country.

Both the Corporation and Congress have a responsibility to conduct oversight of the Corporation's approximately \$1 billion in budget authority to ensure that taxpayer funds are being spent wisely.

We look forward to hearing about the Corporation's accomplishments over the past years and plans for the upcoming fiscal year.

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