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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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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) 2025, we urge you to maintain funding levels to allow our nation's Job Corps campuses to sustain their full operational capacity, assist staff capacity, and address the backlog of safety-related facility needs identified by the U.S. Department of Labor.

According to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, there are now more than [9.5 million job openings](#) but only 6.5 million unemployed workers. Most jobs require training beyond a high school diploma but not a college degree. Job Corps is one of the few national programs that specifically targets this population and provides a direct pathway into employment, including the construction and manufacturing industries, higher education, or the military. By filling these 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 and decreases their reliance on public benefits. In the most recently completed program year, [nearly 80% of Job Corps graduates](#) received a high quality placement via employment, enlisting in the military or enrolling in higher education.

Job Corps has the capacity to serve more than 50,000 out-of-work and out-of-school youth each year. However, this capacity is limited by the same staffing challenges faced by schools nationwide as well as more than [\\$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 2025 appropriations also should include resources to improve staff hiring and retention as well as to continue to address the substantial backlog in Job Corps construction, rehabilitation, and acquisition projects identified by the U.S. Department of Labor.

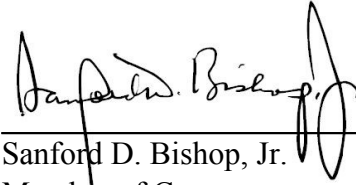
We appreciate your ongoing support of Job Corps. We urge you to support our request to provide sufficient funding for Job Corps to help meet employers' needs with skilled workers, secure qualified staff, and ensure that all Job Corps facilities are safe. Your support will allow Job Corps to continue 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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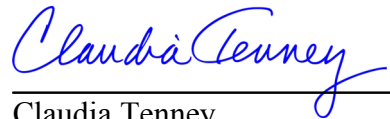
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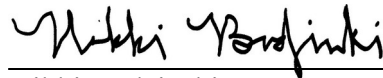
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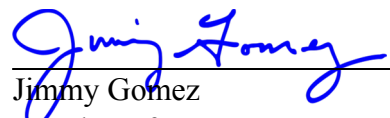
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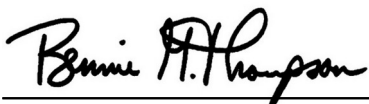
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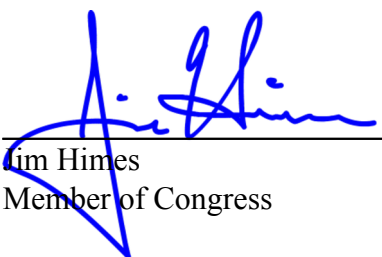
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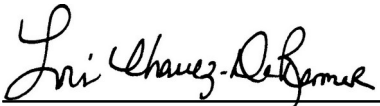
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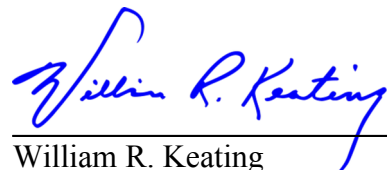
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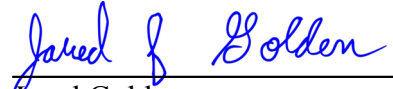


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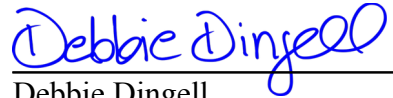
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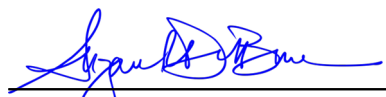
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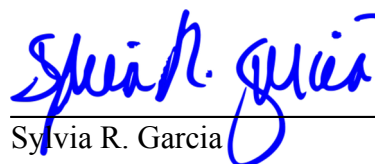
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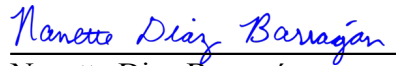
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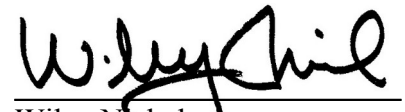



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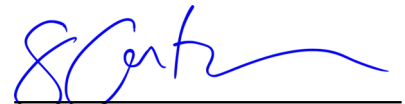



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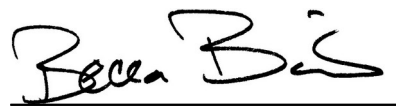

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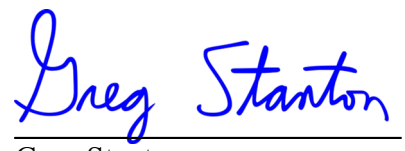

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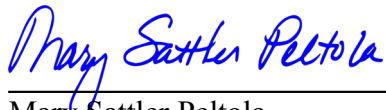

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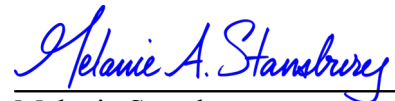
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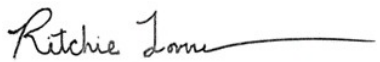
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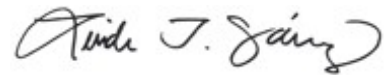
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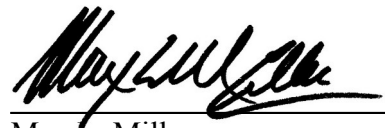
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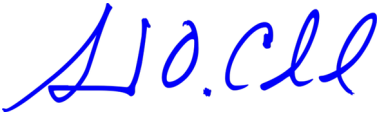
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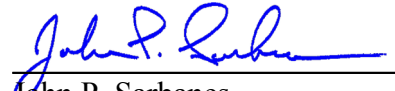
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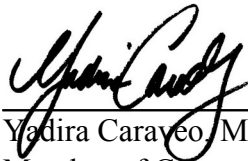
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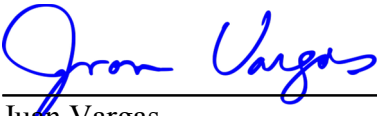
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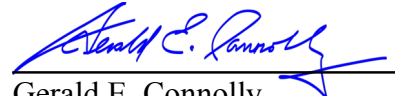
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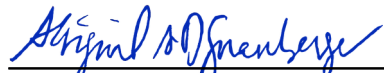
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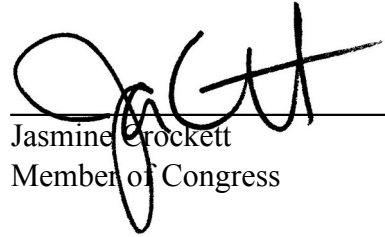
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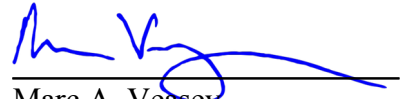
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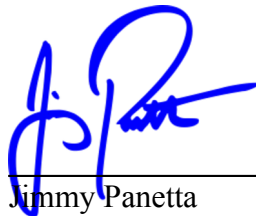
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