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Ford, Osborne, AmeriCorps Alumni and Partners to Hold Press Conference on AmeriCorps Funding Crisis

WASHINGTON, D.C.: - Congressmen Harold Ford (D-Tenn) and Tom Osborne (R-Neb) and a bipartisan group of House members will hold a press conference on the AmeriCorps funding crisis with about 150 AmeriCorps alumni, programs, and partners.

Due to a funding shortfall, about 20,000 volunteer positions are in danger of being slashed. Ford and Osborne led 224 members of Congress in urging President Bush to provide emergency funding for AmeriCorps to prevent these cuts. The Senate has approved \$100 million in supplemental funding but the House has not taken action.

WHO: **Congressman Harold Ford (D-Tenn.)**

 Congressman Tom Osborne (R-Neb.)

 Congressman Christopher Shays (R-Conn.)

 Congresswoman Louise Slaughter (D-N.Y.)

 Congressman Eliot Engel (D-N.Y.)

 150 AmeriCorps Programs, Partners, and Alumni

WHAT: **Press Conference on AmeriCorps Funding Crisis**

WHEN: **Tuesday, July 22, 2003, 11 a.m.**

WHERE: **Cannon Terrace**

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