

Americans Want To Serve.

To President Bush and Members of Congress:

We are writing to urge you to include \$200 million in the upcoming supplemental appropriations to restore funding for hundreds of AmeriCorps programs across our nation.

When Congress created AmeriCorps, it required that private dollars be used to match federal funds. The private sector rose to this challenge – generating nearly \$1 billion, helping to build more than 900 effective AmeriCorps programs, and inspiring untold volunteer hours.

This great public-private achievement is in grave jeopardy.

Because of a series of bureaucratic missteps, hundreds of highly effective AmeriCorps programs were eliminated or drastically reduced.

AmeriCorps programs are closing. Young people who want to serve their country are being turned away. Communities, schools, and children are losing their AmeriCorps mentors, tutors, teachers, and builders.

Mr. President, we are inspired by your call for all Americans to be "citizens, not spectators." We urge you to request this vital supplemental funding for AmeriCorps and to reiterate your call for an increase to 75,000 AmeriCorps members. And we urge Congress to support your request.

Please save these essential AmeriCorps programs that have done so much good for our communities.

We call on our fellow American citizens to let our nation's leaders know that they, too, support an expanded AmeriCorps – instead of one that will be greatly diminished.

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Thank you members of Congress and President Bush for your swift action in support of the Bond/Mikulski "Strengthen AmeriCorps Program Act." We agree with President Bush who called it "the essential first step toward maximizing enrollment this year to benefit the nonprofit organizations that count on AmeriCorps members to offer help and hope to people in communities across the country."

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We are seeking the essential next step of securing supplemental appropriations to address the devastating funding crisis that is closing hundreds of AmeriCorps programs, slashing hundreds of others, severing community partnerships, abandoning private sector collaborations and turning away thousands of patriotic young Americans who want to serve this great nation.

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