

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

November 18, 2015

Chairman Tom Cole
House Appropriations Subcommittee on
Labor, HHS, Education
Washington, DC 20515

Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro
House Appropriation Subcommittee on
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Dear Chairmen Rogers and Cole, and Ranking Members Lowey and DeLauro:

As you work to finalize the fiscal year (FY) 2016 Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations, we urge you to include a much-needed increase to Job Corps funding.

Job Corps is a proven academic and career preparation program. Each year, Job Corps serves 50,000 unemployed, undereducated and disconnected youth. More than 87 percent of Job Corps graduates obtain a job, enroll in higher education, or enlist in the military.

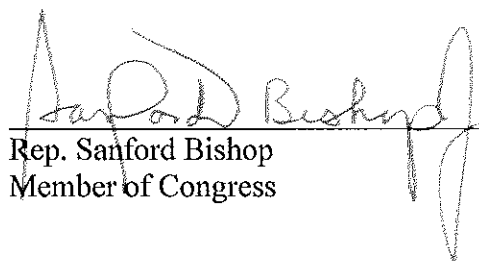
For over 50 years, Job Corps has been successful, in large part, because of its dedicated staff. They work with its difficult-to-serve youth population 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week and nearly 365-days-a-year. Job Corps staff are paid 20-33 percent less than public schools because campuses have operated at the same budget level over the past four years. Staff retention and consistent mentorship of students are key to promoting a positive culture and high student achievement.

We appreciate your ongoing support of Job Corps and urge you to prioritize FY 2016 funding to increase Job Corps' operations account.

Sincerely,



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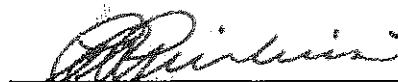
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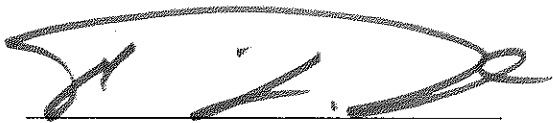
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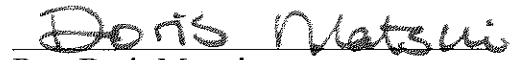
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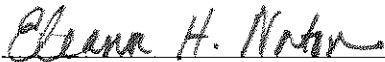
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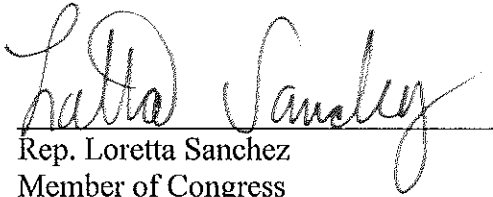
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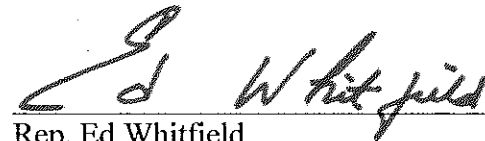
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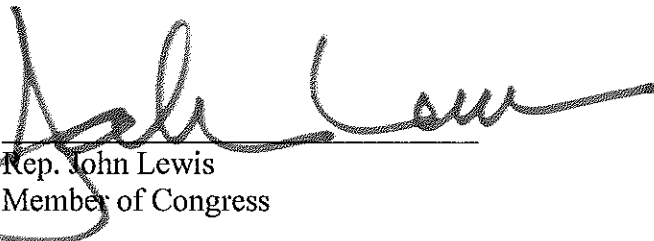
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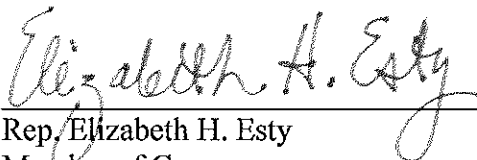
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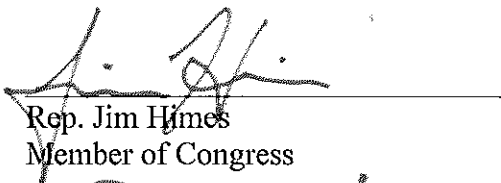
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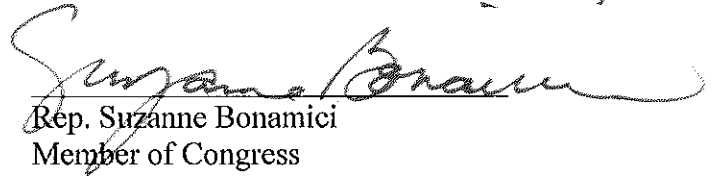
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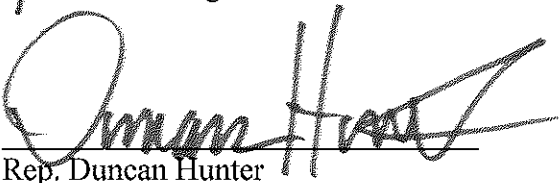
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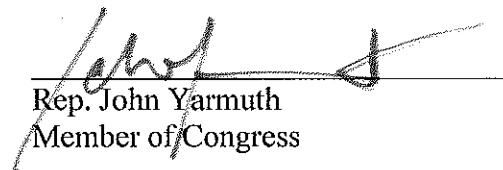
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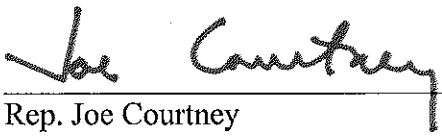


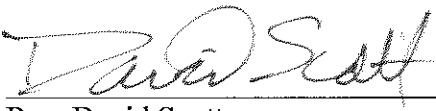
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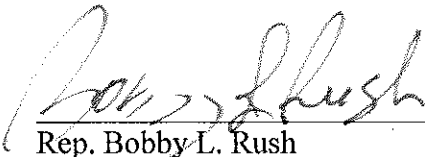


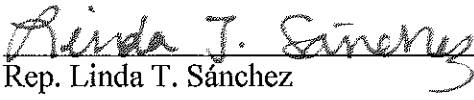
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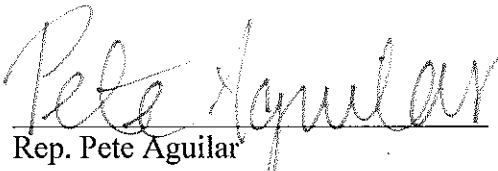

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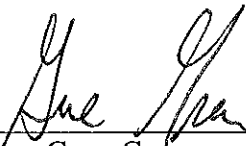

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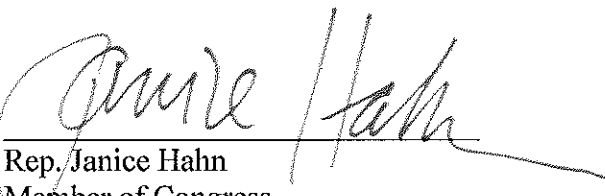

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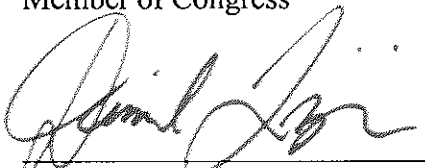

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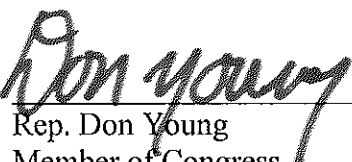

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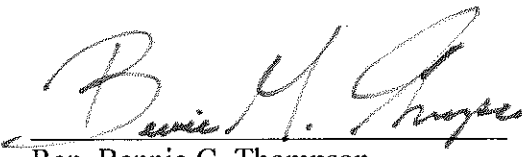

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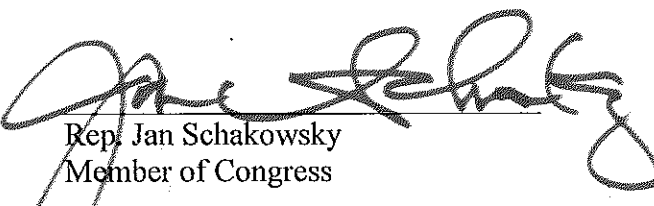

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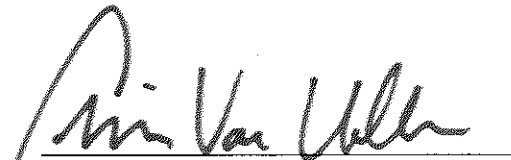

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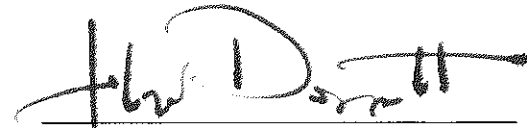

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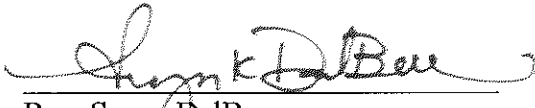

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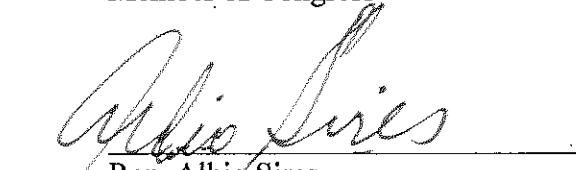

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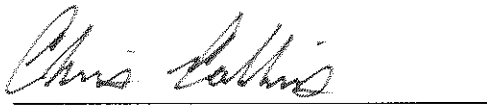

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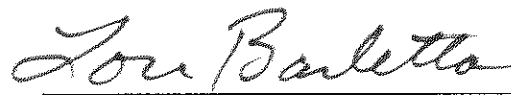

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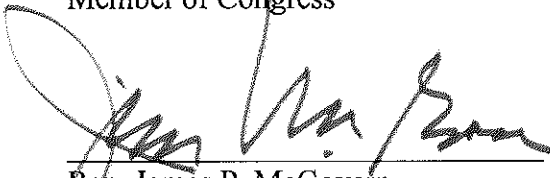

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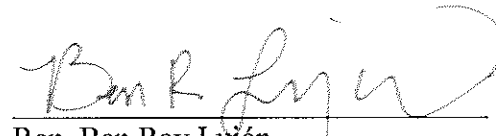

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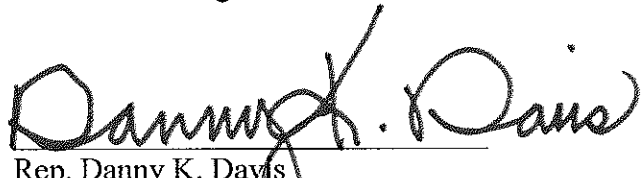

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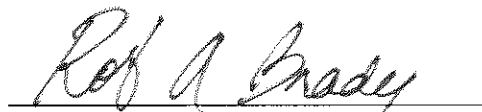

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