



May 17, 2012

U.S. Sen. Susan M. Collins
United States Senate
413 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Sen. Collins,

I'm writing today to express my support for the Job Corps centers, which provide a vital program to communities across the country, including the Bangor Region.

At a time when job-training programs are coming under scrutiny for being fractured and unresponsive, Jobs Corps is working hard to align its mission with the needs of local employers, and we certainly see that in our market.

Many of the small businesses that are members of our Chamber work closely with our local Job Corps because they know the program produces skilled and responsible workers who can contribute to a small business' growth.

Job Corps also contributes to our local economy. Every dollar invested in the program results in about two dollars in economic activity.

I'm told that, nationally, the average Job Corps center directly and indirectly supports 228 local jobs. Nationally, the 125 Job Corps centers support 30,000 jobs, the vast majority of which are in the private sector.

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I urge you to prevent the closure of the 125 Job Corps centers across the country. Many of our communities, including the Bangor Region, will be better for your efforts in this regard.

Regards,

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President & CEO



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U.S. Rep. Michael Michaud,
United States House of Representatives
1724 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

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Washington, D.C. 20510-1903

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