

Senators Reed and Collins invite their colleagues to join them in requesting funds for Fiscal Year 2018 for Job Corps. Deadline is COB, May 19th.

If you would like to sign the letter or if you have any questions, please contact Moira Lenehan-Razzuri in Senator Reed's office at 4-5217.

***FY 17 Signers:** Senators Reed, Collins, Brown, Stabenow, Blumenthal, Durbin, Peters, Schatz, Whitehouse, Shaheen, Cardin, Carper, King, Schumer, Hirono, Feinstein, Manchin, Merkley, Heinrich, Franken, Tester, Boxer, Murphy, Sanders, Markey, Coons, Inhofe, Casey, Kaine, Leahy, Wyden, and Gillibrand*

May 25, 2017

The Honorable Roy Blunt
Chairman
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and
Human Services, and Education
Senate Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Patty Murray
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and
Human Services, and Education
Senate Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chairman Blunt and Ranking Member Murray:

We are writing to urge your continued support for Job Corps in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations bill. In these challenging economic times, it is important to maintain our commitment to successful programs that contribute to the economic health and security of our communities. With centers in all 50 states, Job Corps has compiled an impressive record in preparing disadvantaged youth for the workplace or higher education.

Continued funding for Job Corps in FY 2018 will support the following important initiatives:

- Education, training, and placement of disadvantaged youth in jobs;
- Maintaining and improving student services at the existing 125 Job Corps centers operating across the country;
- Upgrading safety and security for Job Corps students and staff;
- Modernizing curricula and equipment to meet industry standards;
- Addressing critical renovations and repairs at Job Corps facilities; and
- Retaining dedicated instructional and administrative staff positions.

The value of Job Corps is clear. Through Job Corps, tens of thousands of disadvantaged youth increase their educational, career, technical, and social skills each year. These skilled workers are delivering critical services for our economy, such as providing health care and serving in the armed forces.

We appreciate your past support of the Job Corps program and urge you to provide continued funding in FY 2018 for Job Corps operations and capital improvements.