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To establish a National and Community Service Administration to carry out the national and volunteer service programs, to expand participation in such programs, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “America’s Call To Im-  
5 prove Opportunities Now for National Service Act” or the  
6 “ACTION for National Service Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS; REFERENCES.**

2 (a) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for  
3 this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title.
- Sec. 2. Table of contents; references.
- Sec. 3. Establishment of National and Community Service Administration.
- Sec. 4. Advisory board.
- Sec. 5. Director.
- Sec. 6. National Service Educational Award.
- Sec. 7. Interagency working group.
- Sec. 8. National Service Foundation.
- Sec. 9. 21st Century American Service Outreach Program.
- Sec. 10. Living allowance amounts.
- Sec. 11. Authorized benefits for corps members.
- Sec. 12. Authorization of appropriations.
- Sec. 13. Exclusion from gross income of national service educational awards.
- Sec. 14. Income tax exclusion for living allowance.
- Sec. 15. Conforming amendments to the National and Community Service Act  
of 1990.
- Sec. 16. Conforming amendments to the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of  
1973.

4 (b) REFERENCES.—Except as otherwise expressly  
5 provided in this Act, wherever in this Act an amendment  
6 or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or  
7 repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall  
8 be considered to be made to that section or other provision  
9 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42  
10 U.S.C. 12501 et seq.).

11 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY**  
12 **SERVICE ADMINISTRATION.**

13 Section 191 (42 U.S.C. 12651) is amended—

14 (1) by striking “a Corporation for National and  
15 Community Service” and inserting “the National  
16 and Community Service Administration, an inde-  
17 pendent agency in the executive branch,”; and

1           (2) by striking “The Corporation shall be a  
2           Government corporation, as defined in section 103”  
3           and inserting “The Administration shall have the  
4           same status as an executive department listed in sec-  
5           tion 101”.

6   **SEC. 4. ADVISORY BOARD.**

7           (a) APPOINTMENT AND TERMS.—Section 192 (42  
8   U.S.C. 12651a) is amended—

9           (1) in subsection (a)—

10           (A) by striking paragraph (1) and insert-  
11           ing the following:

12           “(1) ADVISORY BOARD.—

13           “(A) INITIAL BOARD MEMBERS.—

14           “(i) BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS  
15           ELECTING TO SERVE.—There shall be in  
16           the Administration an Advisory Board ini-  
17           tially composed of the voting members of  
18           the Board of Directors of the Corporation  
19           for National and Community Service (as in  
20           existence the day before the date of enact-  
21           ment of the ACTION for National Service  
22           Act) who elect to serve on the Advisory  
23           Board.

24           “(ii) APPOINTED INITIAL MEMBERS.—

25           If fewer than seven members of the Board

1 of Directors elect to serve, the Adminis-  
2 trator shall appoint additional members to  
3 achieve a total of seven members of the  
4 Advisory Board, to serve for the term of  
5 their predecessors. For purposes of this  
6 section, members appointed under this  
7 clause shall be treated as if they had been  
8 voting members described in clause (i).

9 “(iii) BOARD OF SEVEN MEMBERS.—  
10 After the expiration of the terms of the  
11 members described in clauses (i) and (ii),  
12 and the seven appointments set forth in  
13 subparagraph (B), the Advisory Board  
14 shall be composed of seven members.

15 “(B) APPOINTMENT OF REPLACEMENT  
16 MEMBERS.—Upon the expiration of the term of  
17 any of the first seven members of the Advisory  
18 Board whose term shall expire, a new member  
19 of the Advisory Board shall be appointed as fol-  
20 lows:

21 “(i) The first three members shall be  
22 appointed by the President, and shall in-  
23 clude—

24 “(I) an individual not younger  
25 than 18 or older than 25 who—

1                   “(aa) has served in a school-  
2                   based or community-based serv-  
3                   ice-learning program; or

4                   “(bb) is or was a participant  
5                   or a supervisor in a program; and

6                   “(II) an individual who—

7                   “(aa) is age 55 or older; and

8                   “(bb) has served in the Na-  
9                   tional Senior Service Corps, in a  
10                  program carried out under title  
11                  II of the Domestic Volunteer  
12                  Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C.  
13                  5000 et seq.) or served in a serv-  
14                  ice-based or community-based  
15                  program under subtitle B of title  
16                  I.

17                  “(ii) The next member shall be ap-  
18                  pointed by the Speaker of the House of  
19                  Representatives.

20                  “(iii) The next member shall be ap-  
21                  pointed by the minority leader of the  
22                  House of Representatives.

23                  “(iv) The next member shall be ap-  
24                  pointed by the majority leader of the Sen-  
25                  ate.

1                   “(v) The next member shall be ap-  
2                   pointed by the minority leader of the Sen-  
3                   ate.

4                   “(C) EXPIRATION OF THE TERM OF RE-  
5                   MAINING INITIAL MEMBERS.—Upon the expira-  
6                   tion of the terms on the Advisory Board of the  
7                   remaining members (after the first seven) who  
8                   served on the Board of Directors of the Cor-  
9                   poration for National and Community Service  
10                  (as in effect the day before the date of enact-  
11                  ment of the ACTION for National Service Act),  
12                  no new members shall be appointed to replace  
13                  those remaining members.”; and

14                  (B) in paragraph (2)(D), by striking “the  
15                  Board” and inserting “the Advisory Board (re-  
16                  ferred to in this subtitle as the”Board“); and  
17                  (2) by striking subsections (c), (d), and (e) and  
18                  inserting the following:

19                  “(c) TERMS.—Members appointed in accordance with  
20                  any of clauses (i) through (v) of subsection (a)(1)(B) or  
21                  under subsection (d) shall serve for a term of 5 years.

22                  “(d) APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBERS AND VACAN-  
23                  CIES.—When the term of a member appointed in accord-  
24                  ance with any of clauses (i) through (v) of subsection  
25                  (a)(1)(B) expires, or if a vacancy occurs on the Advisory

1 Board, a new member shall be appointed by the appointing  
2 individual and in the manner described in that clause, and,  
3 in the case of a vacancy, shall serve for the remainder  
4 of the term for which the predecessor of such member was  
5 appointed. The vacancy shall not affect the power of the  
6 remaining members to execute the duties of the Board.”.

7 (b) MEETINGS AND DUTIES.—Section 192A (42  
8 U.S.C. 12651b) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “3 times each  
10 year” and inserting “four times each year, with one  
11 of the four meetings being an annual meeting to re-  
12 view the Administration’s long-term and strategic  
13 goals,”; and

14 (2) by striking subsection (e), (f), and (g) and  
15 inserting the following:

16 “(e) ADVISORY DUTIES.—The Board shall have re-  
17 sponsibility for making recommendations to the Director  
18 concerning the programs and activities of the Administra-  
19 tion and the overall policy for the Administration and  
20 shall—

21 “(1) advise the Director with respect to policies,  
22 programs, and procedures for carrying out the Di-  
23 rector’s functions, duties, or responsibilities under  
24 this Act;

1           “(2) advise the Director on establishing require-  
2           ments and criteria for qualifying service programs,  
3           and on monitoring and evaluating the performance  
4           of personnel in carrying out programs and activities;

5           “(3) review applications of service programs for  
6           approval under this Act and make recommendations  
7           to the Director with respect to the approval of each  
8           program and the amount of financial assistance (if  
9           any) to provide to each program;

10           “(4) review and make recommendations to the  
11           Director—

12                   “(A) with respect to any grants, allot-  
13                   ments, contracts, financial assistance, or other  
14                   payment of the Administration; and

15                   “(B) regarding the regulations, standards,  
16                   policies, procedures, programs, and initiatives of  
17                   the Administration;

18           “(5) review, and advise the Director regarding,  
19           the actions of the Director with respect to the per-  
20           sonnel of the Administration, and with respect to  
21           such standards, policies, procedures, programs, and  
22           initiatives as are necessary or appropriate to carry  
23           out the programs and activities of the Administra-  
24           tion, including those carried out under the national

1 service laws on the day before the date of enactment  
2 of the ACTION for National Service Act;

3 “(6) make recommendations relating to a pro-  
4 gram of research for the Administration with respect  
5 to national and community service programs;

6 “(7) ensure effective dissemination of informa-  
7 tion regarding the programs and activities of the Ad-  
8 ministration;

9 “(8) prepare and make recommendations to the  
10 Director and the appropriate committees of Con-  
11 gress for changes in the national service laws result-  
12 ing from the studies and demonstrations conducted  
13 by the Administration, which recommendations shall  
14 be submitted to the Director and the appropriate  
15 committees of Congress not later than January 1 of  
16 each year;

17 “(9) make recommendations to the Director on  
18 candidates to serve on the Board of the National  
19 Service Foundation described in section 199P; and

20 “(10) advise on such other matters as the Di-  
21 rector may request.”.

22 **SEC. 5. DIRECTOR.**

23 (a) APPOINTMENT.—Section 193(a) (42 U.S.C.  
24 12651c) is amended—

1           (1) by striking “an individual who shall serve as  
2 Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation, and”  
3 and inserting “a Director,”; and

4           (2) by adding at the end the following: “and  
5 who shall hold the same rank and status as the head  
6 of an executive department listed in section 101 of  
7 title 5, United States Code.”.

8           (b) INTERIM DIRECTOR.—Until a Director is ap-  
9 pointed and confirmed in accordance with the amendments  
10 made by subsection (a), the Chief Executive Officer of the  
11 Corporation for National and Community Service (as in  
12 existence the day before the date of enactment of this Act)  
13 may, at the election of the Chief Executive Officer, serve  
14 as interim Director.

15 **SEC. 6. NATIONAL SERVICE EDUCATIONAL AWARD.**

16           Section 147(a) (42 U.S.C. 12603(a)) is amended—

17           (1) by striking “Except as provided” and in-  
18 serting “(1) Except as provided”;

19           (2) by striking “shall receive a national service  
20 educational award” and all that follows through “ap-  
21 propriations)” and inserting “shall be entitled to a  
22 national service educational award equal to the  
23 amount set forth in paragraph (2)”;

24           (3) by adding at the end the following:

1           “(2) BENEFIT AMOUNT.—The benefit described  
2           in paragraph (1) payable to an individual described  
3           in such paragraph shall be in an amount—

4                   “(A) equal to twice the amount of tuition  
5                   of the institution of higher education where the  
6                   individual is enrolled or accepted to be enrolled;  
7                   and

8                   “(B) not to exceed twice the average in-  
9                   State tuition at a State institution of higher  
10                  education in the State where the individual is  
11                  enrolled or accepted to be enrolled.

12           “(3) APPROPRIATIONS.—There is hereby appro-  
13           priated to the National Service Foundation estab-  
14           lished under subtitle K, for the first full fiscal year  
15           after the date of the enactment of this paragraph,  
16           and subsequent fiscal years, out of any funds in the  
17           Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as  
18           may be necessary to carry out this subsection.”.

19 **SEC. 7. INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP.**

20           The Director of the National and Community Service  
21           Administration, using funds made available under section  
22           501(a)(5) of the National and Community Service Act of  
23           1990 (42 U.S.C. 12681(a)(5)), shall establish an inter-  
24           agency working group to—

1           (1) evaluate and make recommendations re-  
2           garding a process for evaluating the eligibility, for  
3           national service educational awards, of individuals  
4           who have participated in national service programs  
5           that are not administered under this Act but are de-  
6           scribed in section 123(2) of that Act (42 U.S.C.  
7           12573(2));

8           (2) evaluate the feasibility and advisability of  
9           granting Federal hiring preference under chapter 33  
10          of title 5, United States Code, to an individual who  
11          has completed at least 1 year of service and is enti-  
12          tled to the award authorized under section 147(a)(2)  
13          of that Act (as amended by section 6 of this Act)  
14          for that service; and

15          (3) not later than 12 months after the date of  
16          enactment of this Act, prepare and submit to Con-  
17          gress a report containing the results of the evalua-  
18          tions described in paragraphs (1) and (2).

19 **SEC. 8. NATIONAL SERVICE FOUNDATION.**

20          (a) **ELIMINATION OF CURRENT AUTHORITY FOR DO-**  
21 **NATIONS OF PROPERTY.**—Section 196(a) (42 U.S.C.  
22 12651g(a)) is amended—

23           (1) by striking paragraph (2);

24           (2) by redesignating clause (iii) of paragraph  
25          (1)(C) as paragraph (2); and

1 (3) in paragraph (2), as redesignated by para-  
2 graph (2) of this subsection, by striking all that pre-  
3 cedes “this term” and inserting the following:

4 “(2) INHERENTLY GOVERNMENTAL FUNC-  
5 TION.—As used in this subsection,”.

6 (b) FOUNDATION.—Title I (42 U.S.C. 12511 et seq.)  
7 is further amended by adding at the end the following new  
8 subtitle:

9 **“Subtitle K—National Service**  
10 **Foundation**

11 **“SEC. 199P. NATIONAL SERVICE FOUNDATION.**

12 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—In order to encourage pri-  
13 vate gifts of real and personal property or any income  
14 from that property or other interest in that property for  
15 the benefit of, or in connection with, the Administration,  
16 and its activities, services, or former participants, and  
17 through those gifts to further the mission and purpose of  
18 the Administration and to provide greater opportunities  
19 for volunteer service, there is established a charitable and  
20 nonprofit corporation to be known as the National Service  
21 Foundation (referred to in this subtitle as the ‘Founda-  
22 tion’) to accept and administer such gifts.

23 “(b) BOARD OF THE FOUNDATION.—

24 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The National Service  
25 Foundation shall consist of a Board of the Founda-

1       tion, having as members the Director of the Admin-  
2       istration, as an ex officio, nonvoting member, and  
3       not less than six individuals, who are not officers or  
4       employees of the Federal Government, appointed by  
5       the Director after considering the recommendations  
6       of the Advisory Board described in section 192.

7               “(2) TERMS.—

8                       “(A) INITIAL MEMBERS.—The terms of the  
9                       initial members of the Board of the Foundation  
10                      shall be staggered to assure continuity of ad-  
11                      ministration.

12                     “(B) SUBSEQUENT MEMBERS.—A subse-  
13                     quent member shall serve for a term of 6 years.

14                     “(C) VACANCIES.—If a vacancy occurs on  
15                     the Board of the Foundation, a new member  
16                     shall be appointed by Director and serve for the  
17                     remainder of the term for which the predecessor  
18                     of such member was appointed. The vacancy  
19                     shall not affect the power of the remaining  
20                     members to execute the duties of the Board of  
21                     the Foundation.

22                     “(3) CHAIRMAN.—The Director shall be the  
23                     Chairman of the Board of the Foundation.

1           “(4) STATUS.—Members and staff of the Board  
2 of the Foundation shall not be considered to be offi-  
3 cers or employees of the Federal Government.

4           “(5) QUORUM.—A majority of the members of  
5 the Board of the Foundation serving at any one  
6 time shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of  
7 business, and the Foundation shall have an official  
8 seal, which shall be judicially noticed.

9           “(6) MEETINGS.—The Board of the Founda-  
10 tion shall meet at the call of the Chairman, and not  
11 less often than once each year.

12           “(7) COMPENSATION AND TRAVEL EX-  
13 PENSES.—

14           “(A) COMPENSATION.—A member of the  
15 Board of the Foundation shall serve without  
16 compensation. Notwithstanding section 1342 of  
17 title 31, United States Code, the Board may ac-  
18 cept and use voluntary and uncompensated  
19 services as the Commission determines nec-  
20 essary.

21           “(B) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—A member of  
22 the Board shall be allowed travel expenses (out  
23 of Foundation funds), including per diem in  
24 lieu of subsistence, at rates authorized for em-  
25 ployees of agencies under subchapter I of chap-

1           ter 57 of title 5, United States Code, while  
2           away from the member's home or regular places  
3           of business in the performance of services for  
4           the Board.

5           “(c) AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT AND USE GIFTS  
6 AND BEQUESTS.—The Foundation is authorized to ac-  
7 cept, receive, solicit, hold, administer, and use any gifts,  
8 devises, or bequests, either absolutely or in trust of real  
9 or personal property or any income from the property or  
10 other interest in the property for the benefit of or in con-  
11 nection with, the Administration, its activities, or its serv-  
12 ices. The Foundation may not accept any such gift, devise,  
13 or bequest that entails any expenditure other than from  
14 the resources of the Foundation. An interest in such real  
15 property includes, among other things, easements or other  
16 rights for preservation, conservation, protection, or en-  
17 hancement by and for the public of natural, scenic, his-  
18 toric, scientific, educational, inspirational, or recreational  
19 resources. A gift, devise, or bequest relating to property  
20 may be accepted by the Foundation even though the prop-  
21 erty is encumbered, restricted, or subject to beneficial in-  
22 terests of private persons, if any current or future interest  
23 in the property is for the benefit of the Administration,  
24 its activities, or its services.

25           “(d) USE OF FUNDS, INVESTMENT.—

1           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise re-  
2           quired by the instrument of transfer to the Founda-  
3           tion, the Foundation may sell, lease, invest, reinvest,  
4           retain, or otherwise dispose of or deal with any prop-  
5           erty transferred to the Foundation or income from  
6           the property as the Board of the Foundation may  
7           from time to time determine to be appropriate. The  
8           Foundation shall not engage in any business, nor  
9           shall the Foundation make any investment, that may  
10          not lawfully be engaged in or made by a trust com-  
11          pany in the District of Columbia, except that the  
12          Foundation may make any investment authorized by  
13          the instrument of transfer, and may retain any  
14          property accepted by the Foundation.

15          “(2) SERVICES AND FACILITIES.—The Founda-  
16          tion may utilize the services and facilities of the Ad-  
17          ministration, and such services and facilities may be  
18          made available on request to the extent practicable  
19          without reimbursement.

20          “(e) SUCCESSION, LIABILITY, AND POWERS.—

21                 “(1) SUCCESSION.—The Foundation shall have  
22                 perpetual succession, with all the usual powers and  
23                 obligations of a corporation acting as a trustee, in-  
24                 cluding the power to sue and to be sued in its own  
25                 name.

1           “(2) LIABILITY.—Notwithstanding paragraph  
2           (1), the members of the Board of the Foundation  
3           shall not be personally liable for acts or omissions  
4           related to the Foundation, except for malfeasance.

5           “(3) POWERS.—The Foundation shall have the  
6           power to enter into contracts, to execute instru-  
7           ments, and generally to do any and all lawful acts  
8           necessary or appropriate to its purposes.

9           “(f) BYLAWS.—In carrying out the provisions of this  
10          Act, the Board of the Foundation may adopt bylaws, rules,  
11          and regulations necessary for the administration of its  
12          functions and enter into contracts for any necessary serv-  
13          ices.

14          “(g) TAX EXEMPT STATUS.—

15                 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Foundation and any  
16                 income or property received or owned by it, and all  
17                 transactions relating to such income or property,  
18                 shall be exempt from all Federal, State, and local  
19                 taxation.

20                 “(2) CONTRIBUTIONS TO LOCAL GOVERN-  
21                 MENT.—The Foundation may, however, in the dis-  
22                 cretion of the Board of the Foundation—

23                         “(A) contribute toward the costs of local  
24                         government in amounts not in excess of those  
25                         costs that it would be obligated to pay such

1 government if it were not exempt from taxation  
2 because of this subsection or because of its sta-  
3 tus as a charitable and nonprofit corporation;  
4 and

5 “(B) agree to so contribute property trans-  
6 ferred to the Foundation and the income de-  
7 rived from the property if such agreement is a  
8 condition of the transfer.

9 “(3) USE OF THE UNITED STATES.—Contribu-  
10 tions, gifts, and other transfers made to or for the  
11 use of the Foundation shall be regarded as contribu-  
12 tions, gifts, or transfers to or for the use of the  
13 United States.

14 “(h) NONLIABILITY OF UNITED STATES.—The  
15 United States shall not be liable for any debts, defaults,  
16 acts, or omissions of the Foundation.

17 “(i) REPORTS.—The Foundation shall, as soon as  
18 practicable after the end of each fiscal year, prepare and  
19 submit to Congress an annual report on its proceedings  
20 and activities, including a full and complete statement of  
21 its receipts, expenditures, and investments.

22 “(j) INITIAL FUNDING.—For the purposes of assist-  
23 ing the Foundation in establishing an office and meeting  
24 initial administrative, project, and other startup expenses,  
25 there is authorized to be appropriated \$2,500,000 for fis-

1 cal year 2020. Such funds shall remain available to the  
2 Foundation until they are expended for authorized pur-  
3 poses.”.

4 **SEC. 9. 21ST CENTURY AMERICAN SERVICE OUTREACH**  
5 **PROGRAM.**

6 Subtitle F of title I (42 U.S.C. 12631 et seq.) is  
7 amended by adding at the end the following:

8 **“SEC. 189E. 21ST CENTURY AMERICAN SERVICE OUTREACH**  
9 **PROGRAM.**

10 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

11 “(1) COVERED INDIVIDUAL.—The term ‘cov-  
12 ered individual’ means an individual who is not  
13 younger than age 17 or older than age 30.

14 “(2) NATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAM.—The term  
15 ‘national service program’ means a program under—

16 “(A) the National and Community Service  
17 Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12501 et seq.); or

18 “(B) title I of the Domestic Volunteer  
19 Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4951 et seq.).

20 “(b) PROGRAM.—In order to ensure that every cov-  
21 ered individual who may want to participate in service pro-  
22 grams is informed of the opportunities to participate, the  
23 Administration shall—

1           “(1) determine how the Administration will  
2           work with, and then work with, Federal or State  
3           agencies and other entities to—

4                   “(A) contact each covered individual upon  
5                   such individual’s 17th birthday to notify the in-  
6                   dividual about—

7                           “(i) the individual’s eligibility to par-  
8                           ticipate in national service programs;

9                           “(ii) the national service programs  
10                          and how to apply for a specific program;

11                          “(iii) other service programs for which  
12                          the individual may be eligible, including  
13                          service with the Peace Corps (as estab-  
14                          lished by the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C.  
15                          2501 et seq.)) and military service; and

16                          “(iv) the individual’s option to opt out  
17                          of receiving any notifications, or just noti-  
18                          fications in a paper format, under this  
19                          paragraph; and

20                          “(B) after contacting an covered individual  
21                          under subparagraph (A), notify the individual  
22                          every 2 years thereafter of the information de-  
23                          scribed in clauses (i) through (iv) of subpara-  
24                          graph (A), unless—

1                   “(i) the individual is serving in a na-  
2                   tional service program or other program  
3                   described in subparagraph (A); or

4                   “(ii) the individual has opted out of  
5                   receiving such notifications under subpara-  
6                   graph (A)(iv);

7                   “(2) determine how the Administration will en-  
8                   able covered individuals to, and then enable eligible  
9                   individuals to, apply for a specific national service  
10                  program and ensure that such application process is  
11                  the most effective process for the purpose of apply-  
12                  ing for such a program; and

13                  “(3) develop a long-term strategy to gradually  
14                  increase the number of opportunities in national  
15                  service programs so that any covered individual who  
16                  applies to and is eligible to participate in a national  
17                  service program will be offered at least one service  
18                  position.”.

19 **SEC. 10. LIVING ALLOWANCE AMOUNTS.**

20                  (a) DOMESTIC VOLUNTEER SERVICE ACT OF  
21 1973.—Section 105(b) of the Domestic Volunteer Service  
22 Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4955(b)(2)) is amended—

23                         (1) in paragraph (2)—

24                                 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “95  
25                                 percent” and inserting “150 percent”; and

1 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “105  
2 percent” and inserting “210 percent”; and  
3 (2) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(4)(A) A stipend or allowance under this sub-  
5 section shall not be increased as a result of amend-  
6 ments made by the ACTION for National Service  
7 Act, or any other amendment made to this sub-  
8 section unless the funds appropriated for carrying  
9 out this part are sufficient to maintain for the fiscal  
10 year in question a number of participants to serve  
11 under this part at least equal to the number of such  
12 participants serving during the preceding fiscal year.

13 “(B) In the event that sufficient appropriations  
14 for any fiscal year are not available to increase any  
15 such stipend or allowance provided to the minimum  
16 amount specified in paragraph (2), the Director  
17 shall increase the stipend or allowance to such  
18 amount as appropriations for such year permit con-  
19 sistent with subparagraph (A).”.

20 (b) NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ACT OF  
21 1990.—

22 (1) NATIONAL CIVILIAN COMMUNITY CORPS  
23 LIVING ALLOWANCES.—Section 158(b) (42 U.S.C.  
24 12618(b)) is amended—

1 (A) by striking “The Director” the first  
2 place it appears and inserting the following:

3 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director”;

4 (B) by striking “100 percent” and insert-  
5 ing “200 percent”; and

6 (C) by adding at the end the following:

7 “(2) INCREASES LIMITED BY APPROPRIA-  
8 TIONS.—

9 “(A) LIMIT ON INCREASES.—An allowance  
10 under this subsection or section 140 shall not  
11 be increased as a result of amendments made  
12 by the ACTION for National Service Act, or  
13 any other amendment made to this subsection  
14 or section 140, respectively, unless the funds  
15 appropriated for carrying out this subtitle or  
16 subtitle C, respectively, are sufficient to main-  
17 tain for the fiscal year in question a number of  
18 participants to serve under this subtitle or sub-  
19 title C, respectively, at least equal to the num-  
20 ber of such participants serving during the pre-  
21 ceding fiscal year.

22 “(B) PARTIAL INCREASE.—In the event  
23 that sufficient appropriations for any fiscal year  
24 are not available to increase an allowance under  
25 this subsection above the amount provided for

1           fiscal year 2019 or under section 140 to the  
2           minimum amount specified in section 140, re-  
3           spectively, the Director shall increase the allow-  
4           ance to such amount as appropriations for such  
5           year permit consistent with subparagraph (A).”.

6           (2) GRANTS.—Section 189 (42 U.S.C. 12645c)  
7           is amended—

8                   (A) in subsection (a), by striking  
9                   “\$18,000” and inserting “\$30,000”;

10                   (B) in subsection (e)(1), by striking  
11                   “\$19,500” and inserting “\$39,000”; and

12                   (C) by adding at the end the following:

13           “(f) INSUFFICIENT APPROPRIATIONS.—Notwith-  
14           standing the increased limitation on grant amounts per  
15           full-time equivalent position described in subsection (a)  
16           and the increased limitation described in subsection (e)(1)  
17           as a result of amendments made by the ACTION for Na-  
18           tional Service Act, or any other amendment made to this  
19           section, the amount of funds per full-time equivalent posi-  
20           tion approved by the Corporation for a grant, as described  
21           in those subsections, shall not be increased unless the  
22           funds appropriated for carrying out this subtitle are suffi-  
23           cient to make such increase while maintaining for the fis-  
24           cal year in question a number of approved national service

1 positions at least equal to the number of such positions  
2 during the preceding fiscal year.”.

3 **SEC. 11. AUTHORIZED BENEFITS FOR CORPS MEMBERS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall provide for  
5 members of the National Civilian Community Corps to re-  
6 ceive benefits authorized by this section.

7 (b) LIVING ALLOWANCE.—The Director shall provide  
8 a living allowance to members of the Corps for the period  
9 during which such members are engaged in training or  
10 any activity on a Corps project. The Director shall estab-  
11 lish the amount of the allowance at any amount not in  
12 excess of the amount equal to 200 percent of the poverty  
13 line that is applicable to a family of two (as defined by  
14 the Office of Management and Budget and revised annu-  
15 ally in accordance with section 673(2) of the Community  
16 Services Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9902(2)).

17 **SEC. 12. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

18 Section 501 (42 U.S.C. 12681) is amended—

19 (1) in subsection (a)—

20 (A) by striking paragraph (2) and insert-  
21 ing the following:

22 “(2) SUBTITLES C AND D.—

23 “(A) SUBTITLE C.—There are authorized  
24 to be appropriated for each of fiscal years 2020  
25 through fiscal year 2029, such sums as may be

1           necessary to provide financial assistance under  
2           subtitle C of title I for the number of partici-  
3           pants in programs and activities under subtitle  
4           C for fiscal year 2019.

5           “(B) SUBTITLE D.—There are authorized  
6           to be appropriated, and there are appropriated,  
7           for fiscal year 2020 and each subsequent fiscal  
8           year, such sums as may be necessary to provide  
9           national service educational awards under sub-  
10          title D of title I for the number of participants  
11          for whom the Administration recorded an obli-  
12          gation under section 149(a)(1)(B) for fiscal  
13          year 2019.”;

14          (B) in paragraph (6), by striking “sub-  
15          section (b)” and inserting “subsection (c)”; and

16          (C) by adding at the end the following:

17          “(7) SUBTITLE K.—There are authorized to be  
18          appropriated such sums as may be necessary for fis-  
19          cal year 2020 and each subsequent fiscal year to  
20          carry out subtitle K of title I.”;

21          (2) by redesignating subsection (b) as sub-  
22          section (c); and

23          (3) by adding after subsection (a) the following:

24          “(b) ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-  
25          TIONS.—

1           “(1) AUTHORIZATION.—There is authorized to  
2           be appropriated to the Administration to carry out  
3           its programs and functions, including the programs  
4           and activities carried out under this Act and the Do-  
5           mestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C.  
6           4950 et seq.), such additional sums as may be nec-  
7           essary to achieve the goal set forth in paragraph (2).

8           “(2) TEN-YEAR GOAL.—It is the sense of Con-  
9           gress that sums appropriated under paragraph (1)  
10          should be sufficient to provide or facilitate the provi-  
11          sion of national service programs and activities  
12          under the national service laws (in addition to pro-  
13          grams and activities funded under subsection (a) for  
14          fiscal year 2020) for not fewer than 1,000,000 par-  
15          ticipants per year by September 30, 2029.

16          “(3) PLAN FOR APPROVED NATIONAL SERVICE  
17          POSITIONS.—The Administration shall—

18                 “(A) prepare a plan to—

19                         “(i) establish the number of the ap-  
20                         proved national service positions as  
21                         250,000 for fiscal year 2020; and

22                         “(ii) increase the number of the ap-  
23                         proved positions in each fiscal year  
24                         through fiscal year 2029, so that the num-  
25                         ber of approved positions in fiscal year

1           2029 is sufficient to support the goal in  
2           paragraph (2);

3           “(B) ensure that the increases described in  
4           subparagraph (A)(ii) are achieved through an  
5           appropriate balance of full- and part-time serv-  
6           ice positions;

7           “(C) not later than 1 year after the date  
8           of enactment of the ACTION for National  
9           Service Act, submit a report to the authorizing  
10          committees on the status of the plan described  
11          in subparagraph (A);

12          “(D) not later than 8 years after the date  
13          of enactment of the ACTION for National  
14          Service Act, submit a report to the authorizing  
15          committees on the progress of the Administra-  
16          tion towards the goal described in paragraph  
17          (2), and the potential for exceeding that goal in  
18          fiscal year 2029 and beyond; and

19          “(E) subject to the availability of appro-  
20          priations and quality service opportunities, im-  
21          plement the plan described in subparagraph  
22          (A).”.

1 **SEC. 13. EXCLUSION FROM GROSS INCOME OF NATIONAL**  
2 **SERVICE EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 117 of the Internal Rev-  
4 enue Code of 1986 (relating to qualified scholarships) is  
5 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
6 section:

7 “(e) NATIONAL SERVICE EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.—  
8 Gross income shall not include any national service edu-  
9 cational award described in subtitle D of title I of the Na-  
10 tional and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.  
11 12601 et seq.).”.

12 (b) EXCLUSION OF DISCHARGE OF STUDENT LOAN  
13 DEBT.—Subsection (f) of section 108 of such Code is  
14 amended by adding at the end the following new para-  
15 graph:

16 “(6) PAYMENTS UNDER NATIONAL SERVICE  
17 EDUCATIONAL AWARD PROGRAMS.—In the case of  
18 an individual, gross income shall not include any  
19 amount received a national service educational  
20 award under subtitle D of title I of the National and  
21 Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12601  
22 et seq.).”.

23 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
24 this section shall apply to taxable years ending after the  
25 date of the enactment of this Act.

1 **SEC. 14. INCOME TAX EXCLUSION FOR LIVING ALLOWANCE.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Part III of subchapter B of chap-  
3 ter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended  
4 by inserting after section 139G the following new section:

5 **“SEC. 139H. LIVING ALLOWANCE FOR NATIONAL SERVICE**  
6 **PARTICIPANTS.**

7 “Gross income does not include the amount of any  
8 living allowance provided under section 140 of the Na-  
9 tional and Community Service Act of 1990.”.

10 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
11 for part III of subchapter B of chapter 1 of the Internal  
12 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by inserting after the  
13 item relating to section 139G the following new item:

“Sec. 139H. Living allowance for national service participants.”.

14 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
15 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after  
16 the date of the enactment of this Act.

17 **SEC. 15. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO THE NATIONAL**  
18 **AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ACT OF 1990.**

19 (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 101 (42 U.S.C. 12511)  
20 is amended—

21 (1) by striking paragraph (9) and inserting the  
22 following:

23 “(9) DIRECTOR.—The term ‘Director’ means  
24 the Director of the National and Community Service  
25 Administration appointed under section 193.”;

1           (2) by striking paragraph (12) and inserting  
2           the following:

3           “(12) ADMINISTRATION.—The term ‘Adminis-  
4           tration’ means the National and Community Service  
5           Administration established under section 191.”;

6           (3) by redesignating paragraphs (12), (1)  
7           through (8), (10), (11), and (9) as paragraphs (1)  
8           through (12), respectively; and

9           (4) by transferring the redesignated paragraphs  
10          so the paragraphs appear in numerical order.

11          (b) SERVICE-LEARNING PROGRAMS.—

12           (1) Section 113(a) (42 U.S.C. 12525(a)), sec-  
13           tion 114(c) (42 U.S.C. 12526(c)), and section  
14           116(a) (42 U.S.C. 12528(a)) are amended, in the  
15           subsection headings, by striking “Corporation” and  
16           inserting “Administration”.

17           (2) Section 116(a)(2) (42 U.S.C. 12528(a)(2))  
18           is amended, in the paragraph heading, by striking  
19           “NONCORPORATION” and inserting “NON-  
20           ADMINISTRATION”.

21          (c) NATIONAL SERVICE TRUST PROGRAM.—

22           (1) Section 121 is amended—

23           (A) in subsection (e)(5)(B) (42 U.S.C.  
24           12571(e)(5)(B)), in the subparagraph heading,

1 by striking “CORPORATION” and inserting  
2 “ADMINISTRATION”; and

3 (B) by striking subsection (f).

4 (2) Section 122 (42 U.S.C. 12572) is amend-  
5 ed—

6 (A) in subsection (d)(1), in the paragraph  
7 heading, by striking “CORPORATION” and  
8 inserting “ADMINISTRATION”; and

9 (B) in subsection (f)(1)(A)—

10 (i) in the subparagraph heading, by  
11 striking “CORPORATION” and inserting  
12 “ADMINISTRATION”; and

13 (ii) by striking “the strategic plan ap-  
14 proved under section 192A(g)(1,)” and in-  
15 serting “the strategic plan recommended  
16 by the Board during consultation under  
17 section 193A(b)(1),”.

18 (3) Section 129A(b) (42 U.S.C. 12581a(b)) and  
19 section 131(f) (42 U.S.C. 12583(f)) are amended, in  
20 the subsection headings, by striking “Corporation”  
21 and inserting “Administration”.

22 (d) NATIONAL SERVICE TRUST.—Section 145 (42  
23 U.S.C. 12601) is amended, in subsections (a)(2) and  
24 (d)(1), by striking “section 196(a)(2)” and inserting “sec-  
25 tion 199P”.

1 (e) NATIONAL CIVILIAN COMMUNITY CORPS.—

2 (1) Section 159 (42 U.S.C. 12619) is amend-  
3 ed—

4 (A) in subsection (a)—

5 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking “, in-  
6 cluding those recommended by the Board,”  
7 and inserting “, after consultation with the  
8 Board,”; and

9 (ii) by striking paragraph (3) and in-  
10 sserting the following:

11 “(3) at the election of the Director, carry out  
12 any other activities recommended by the Board.”;  
13 and

14 (B) in subsection (b)—

15 (i) in paragraph (1), by adding “and”  
16 at the end;

17 (ii) in paragraph (2), by striking “;  
18 and” and inserting a period; and

19 (iii) by striking paragraph (3).

20 (2) Section 165(1) (42 U.S.C. 12626(1)) is  
21 amended by striking “Board of Directors” and in-  
22 sserting “Advisory Board”.

23 (f) ADMINISTRATION.—

1           (1) Section 172(b) (42 U.S.C. 12632(b)) is  
2 amended, in the subsection heading, by striking  
3 “Corporation” and inserting “Administration”.

4           (2) Section 178 (42 U.S.C. 12638) is amend-  
5 ed—

6           (A) in subsection (c)(3), in the paragraph  
7 heading, by striking “CORPORATION” and  
8 inserting “ADMINISTRATION”; and

9           (B) in subsection (j)(1), in the paragraph  
10 heading, by striking “CORPORATION” and  
11 inserting “ADMINISTRATION”.

12           (g) NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ADMINIS-  
13 TRATION.—

14           (1) Subtitle G of title I (42 U.S.C. 12651 et  
15 seq.) is amended by striking the subtitle heading  
16 and inserting the following:

17 **“Subtitle G—National and Commu-**  
18 **nity Service Administration”.**

19           (2) Section 191 (42 U.S.C. 12651) is amended  
20 in the section heading by striking “corporation for  
21 national and community service” and inserting “na-  
22 tional and community service administration”.

23           (3) Section 192 (42 U.S.C. 12651a) is amended  
24 by striking the section heading and inserting the fol-  
25 lowing:

1 **“SEC. 192. ADVISORY BOARD.”.**

2 (4) Section 192A (42 U.S.C. 12651b) is  
3 amended by striking the section heading and insert-  
4 ing the following:

5 **“SEC. 192A. AUTHORITIES AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD.”.**

6 (5) Section 193 (42 U.S.C. 12651c) and section  
7 193A (42 U.S.C. 12651d) are amended, in the sec-  
8 tion headings, by striking “chief executive officer”  
9 and inserting “director”.

10 (6) Section 193A (42 U.S.C. 12651d) is  
11 amended—

12 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “that are  
13 not reserved to the Board,” and inserting “,  
14 after consultation with the Board”;

15 (B) in subsection (b)—

16 (i) in paragraphs (1), (2)(A), (3)(A),  
17 (4)(A), and (8) by striking “prepare and  
18 submit to the Board” and inserting “after  
19 consultation with the Board, prepare and  
20 submit to the authorizing committees”;

21 (ii) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking  
22 “an approved proposal under section  
23 192A(g)(2)” and inserting “a proposal rec-  
24 ommended by the Board during consulta-  
25 tion under subparagraph (A)”;

1 (iii) in paragraph (3)(B), by striking  
2 “an approved proposal under section  
3 192A(g)(3)” and inserting “a proposal rec-  
4 ommended by the Board during consulta-  
5 tion under subparagraph (A)”;

6 (iv) in paragraph (4)(B), by striking  
7 “an approved proposal under section  
8 192A(g)(4)” and inserting “a plan rec-  
9 ommended by the Board during consulta-  
10 tion under paragraph (A)”;

11 (v) in paragraph (7), by striking “pre-  
12 pare and submit to the authorizing com-  
13 mittees and the Board” and inserting  
14 “after consultation with the Board, pre-  
15 pare and submit to the authorizing com-  
16 mittees”;

17 (vi) in paragraph (9)(B)—

18 (I) in clause (i), by striking “ap-  
19 proved by the Board under section  
20 192A(g)(1)” and inserting “rec-  
21 ommended by the Board during con-  
22 sultation under paragraph (1)”;

23 (II) in clause (ii), by striking  
24 “approved by the Board under para-  
25 graph (2) or (3) of section 192A(g)”

1 and inserting “recommended by the  
2 Board during consultation under  
3 paragraph (2)(A) or (3)(A)”;

4 (III) in clause (iii), by striking  
5 “approved by the Board under section  
6 192A(g)(4)” and inserting “rec-  
7 ommended by the Board during con-  
8 sultation under paragraph (4)(A)”;

9 (vii) in paragraph (10)(A), by striking  
10 “the services referred to in paragraph (1),  
11 and the money and property referred to in  
12 paragraph (2), of section 196(a)” and in-  
13 sserting “the services referred to in section  
14 196(a)(1), and the money and property re-  
15 ferred to in section 199P,”;

16 (viii) in paragraph (11), by striking  
17 “prepare and submit to the Board” and in-  
18 sserting “, after consultation with the  
19 Board, prepare and submit to the author-  
20 izing committees”; and

21 (ix) in paragraph (12)—

22 (I) by striking “members of the  
23 Board and”;

24 (II) by striking “each member of  
25 the Board and”; and

1 (III) by striking “such member  
2 of the Board or”; and

3 (C) in subsection (d), by striking para-  
4 graph (3).

5 (7) Section 195 (42 U.S.C. 12651f) is amend-  
6 ed—

7 (A) in subsection (e), in the subsection  
8 heading, by striking “Corporation” and insert-  
9 ing “Administration”; and

10 (B) in subsection (f)(1), by striking “The  
11 Chief Executive Officer, acting upon the rec-  
12 ommendation of the Board, may establish advi-  
13 sory committees in the Corporation to advise  
14 the Board” and inserting “The Director may  
15 establish advisory committees in the Corpora-  
16 tion to advise the Director”.

17 (8) Sections 196A (42 U.S.C. 12651h) and 198  
18 (42 U.S.C. 12653) are amended in the section head-  
19 ings by striking “corporation” and inserting “admin-  
20 istration”.

21 (h) INVESTMENT FOR QUALITY AND INNOVATION.—  
22 Part I of subtitle H of title I (42 U.S.C. 12653 et seq.)  
23 is amended by striking the part heading and inserting the  
24 following:

1           **“PART I—ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATION**  
2           **ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT NATIONAL SERVICE”.**

3           (i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section  
4 501(a)(5)(B) (42 U.S.C. 12681(a)(5)(B)) is amended, in  
5 the subparagraph heading, by striking “CORPORA-  
6 TION” and inserting “ADMINISTRATION”.

7           (j) GLOBAL REFERENCES TO CORPORATION.—Ex-  
8 cept in section 101(21)(A)(ii), section 132(b), or section  
9 601(b) of the National and Community Service Act of  
10 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12511(21)(A)(ii), 12584(b)), and except  
11 as provided in the table of contents or any heading of the  
12 Act, the Act is amended by striking “Corporation” each  
13 place it appears and inserting “Administration”.

14           (k) GLOBAL REFERENCES TO CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF-  
15 FICER.—Except as provided in the table of contents or any  
16 heading of the National and Community Service Act of  
17 1990, the Act is amended by striking “Chief Executive  
18 Officer” each place it appears and inserting “Director”.

19           (l) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents in  
20 section 1(b) (42 U.S.C. 12501 note) is amended—

21                 (1) in the items relating to subtitle G of title  
22           I—

23                         (A) by striking the item relating to the  
24                         subtitle heading for subtitle G and inserting the  
25                         following:

1 **“Subtitle G—National and Commu-**  
2 **nity Service Administration”;**

3 (B) by striking the item relating to section  
4 191 and inserting the following:

5 **“SEC. 191. NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ADMINIS-**  
6 **TRATION.”;**

7 (C) by striking the item relating to section  
8 193 and inserting the following:

9 **“SEC. 193. DIRECTOR.”;**

10 (D) by striking the item relating to section  
11 193A and inserting the following:

12 **“SEC. 193A. AUTHORITIES AND DUTIES OF THE DIRECTOR.”;**

13 **and**

14 (E) by striking the item relating to section  
15 196A and inserting the following:

16 **“SEC. 196A. ADMINISTRATION STATE OFFICES.”;**

17 (2) in the items relating to part I of subtitle H  
18 of title I—

19 (A) by striking the item relating to the  
20 part heading and inserting the following:

21 **“Part I--Additional Administration Activities To**  
22 **Support National Service”;** and

23 (B) by striking the item relating to section  
24 198 and inserting the following:

1 **“SEC. 198. ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATION ACTIVITIES TO**  
2 **SUPPORT NATIONAL SERVICE.”; and**

3 (3) in the items relating to title I, by adding at  
4 the end the following:

5 **“Subtitle K—National Service**  
6 **Foundation**

7 **“SEC. 199P. NATIONAL SERVICE FOUNDATION.”.**

8 **SEC. 16. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO THE DOMESTIC**  
9 **VOLUNTEER SERVICE ACT OF 1973.**

10 (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 421 of the Domestic Vol-  
11 unteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 5061) is amend-  
12 ed—

13 (1) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the  
14 following:

15 “(1) the term ‘Director’ means the Director of  
16 the National and Community Service Administration  
17 appointed under section 193 of the National and  
18 Community Service Act of 1990;”;

19 (2) by striking paragraph (7) and inserting the  
20 following:

21 “(7) the term ‘Administration’ means the Na-  
22 tional and Community Service Administration estab-  
23 lished under section 191 of the National and Com-  
24 munity Service Act of 1990;”;

25 (3) by redesignating paragraphs (7), (20), (1),  
26 (8), (9), (10), (11), (13), (12), (3), (4), (6), (5),

1 (14), (15), (16), (17), (2), (18), and (19) as para-  
2 graphs (1) through (20), respectively; and

3 (4) transferring such redesignated paragraphs  
4 so that the paragraphs appear in numerical order.

5 (b) REFERENCES TO NAMES.—The Domestic Volun-  
6 teen Service Act of 1973 is amended—

7 (1) in section 2(b) (42 U.S.C. 4950(b)), by  
8 striking “Corporation for National and Community  
9 Service” and inserting “Director of the National and  
10 Community Service Administration”;

11 (2) except as provided in subsection (a) and  
12 paragraph (1) of this subsection, by striking “Cor-  
13 poration” each place it appears and inserting “Ad-  
14 ministration”; and

15 (3) in section 201(h) (42 U.S.C. 5001(h)), by  
16 striking “Chief Executive Officer” and inserting  
17 “Director”.