



America's Call To Improve Opportunities Now for National Service: a bill to enhance access to national and community service opportunities, create a more engaged citizenry, and help the nation address priorities in education, infrastructure, healthcare, disaster relief, and poverty.

ACTION would achieve four simple goals:

1. Reduce the burden of student loan debt by ensuring young people who serve two full terms of service are rewarded with an educational benefit equal to four years of average in-state tuition where their college is located.
2. Ensure that educational benefit is exempt from federal taxes.
3. Advance national and community service as a civic and national priority by elevating the Corporation of National & Community Service (CNCS) to a new Cabinet-level agency.
4. Support at least one million full-time federal service positions a year—providing all who wish to serve the opportunity to do so.

ACTION accomplishes this through several key ways:

1. Elevates the existing Corporation of National and Community Service (CNCS) to a Cabinet-level federal agency, and appoints an Administrator of National Service with the same rank as Cabinet Secretaries. Existing CNCS programs like AmeriCorps and Senior Corps would be preserved and strengthened
2. Prioritizes and provides necessary federal funding for at least one million full-time service opportunities through federal programs, as well as for the enhanced tax-free educational benefits
3. Preserves the authority and programmatic responsibilities of state and local boards to direct federal resources to best meet community needs and be responsive to local priorities
4. Allows participants in programs outside of existing CNCS programs to be evaluated for eligibility of enhanced educational benefits. This would be accomplished in two ways:
 - a. The creation of an interagency task force to identify non-CNCS federal service programs to be determined eligible and to increase the participation of Senior Corps participants
 - b. Grants authority to the Director, with advice from the Board, to identify service through private organizations (subject to existing CNCS guidelines) to be determined eligible