

June 16, 2025

The Honorable Donald J. Trump  
President  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Trump:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations representing local businesses, national employers, and labor organizations across the skilled trades, we ask that you reverse the Department of Labor's (DOL) decision to discontinue the Job Corps program. As you know, the Department of Labor is seeking to close 99 Job Corps centers across the nation and pause operations by June 30th. This action would affect communities in almost every state, with the majority located in counties that voted for you. This program is vital to the American economy and rural communities nationwide.

You have vocally expressed your support for trade schools and the skilled workers they produce. Job Corps is the nation's only trade school that is turning homeless youth into welders and shipbuilders. Our nation's investment in Job Corps not only expands our skilled workforce, it ensures these young Americans are less likely to be involved in the criminal justice system or rely on public assistance.

We strongly support your policy goal of reaching 1 million new active apprentices annually. Job Corps offers more than 300 pre-apprenticeship programs by partnering with national training organizations, including labor unions. These training organizations are proud to prepare the future workers of America and help meet the workforce needs of local economies.

The Job Corps program provides a successful non-college pathway to good-paying, high-skilled careers for young Americans and is directly helping meet the needs of manufacturers and our nation's shipbuilders. We share your commitment to making sure skilled workers can thrive in a strong economy and with good-paying jobs, and ask that you let this vital program continue.

Thank you for your consideration of this important request.

Sincerely,

Addison County Economic Development  
Corporation  
African American Chamber of Commerce in  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
AFT  
AGC Puerto Rico Chapter Workforce Development  
Foundation

Albany Area Chamber of Commerce  
Albany Black Chamber of Commerce  
Amazin Glass Co. of Albany  
Astoria Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce  
Bay Area Chamber of Commerce  
Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce  
Burlington Chamber of Commerce

Business & Industry Association of New Hampshire  
Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic  
Growth  
ChildCare Careers  
Children's Hospital Los Angeles  
Costa Mar Construction  
Counseling Service of Addison County of Addison  
County (CSAC)  
Etowah Chamber of Commerce  
Excelsior Springs Area Chamber of Commerce  
Exential US, Inc.  
Flagship  
Flint & Genesee Group  
Garza Industries  
Girls Inc. of Johnson County  
Golden Isles College and Career Academy  
Golden Isles Development Authority  
Grand Rapids Civic Theatre  
Greater Chicopee Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce  
Green Rural Redevelopment Organization GRRO  
Guthrie Chamber of Commerce  
Hazelhurst Chamber of Commerce  
Hispanic Center of Western Michigan  
Huntington Ingalls Industries  
Indiana County Chamber  
International Association of Iron Workers (IW)  
International Association of Machinists and  
Aerospace Workers (IAM)  
International Union of Bricklayers and Allied  
Craftworkers (BAC)  
International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE)  
International Union of Painters and Allied Trades  
(IUPAT)  
Island Cove Market  
JNB Marketing, LLC  
Johnson County Public Library  
Kent ISD Workforce Development Center  
Kingdom Life Outreach Center Ministries  
Kingsbury Companies, LLC  
Krater Consulting Group, PC  
Lake Champlain Maritime Museum  
Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce  
Manufacturers Association of the Southern Tier

Midway Chamber of Commerce  
Minot Association of Builders  
Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce (AL)  
NAACP Greater Grand Rapids Branch  
National Alliance on Mental Illness of Vermont  
National Association of Minority Contractors  
Washington DC Chapter  
National Federation of Federal Employees  
(NFFE-IAM)  
National Job Corps Association (NJCA)  
Nevada Health Centers  
North America's Building Trades Unions (NABTU)  
North Side/Shore Chamber of Commerce  
Northern Nevada Food Bank  
Northern Oklahoma Regional Alliance  
Operative Plasterers' & Cement Masons'  
International Association (OPCMIA)  
Penn Foster Group  
Plouffes Boiler & Mechanical Service Inc  
Prestige Printing  
Pryor Area Chamber of Commerce  
Qannex Corp.  
Reno Sparks Chamber of Commerce  
RoadSafe Traffic Systems  
Roswell Air Center  
Sallisaw Chamber of Commerce  
Sedro-Woolley Chamber of Commerce  
Service Employees International Union (SEIU)  
Shaker Place Rehabilitation and Nursing Center  
Shields Windshields  
Skagit Transit  
Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce  
Smyth County Chamber of Commerce  
St. Charles Regional Chamber  
St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce  
Stark Mountain Woodworking  
Stilwell Chamber of Commerce  
Swords to Plowshares  
The Leadership Team at Truckee Meadows  
Community College  
The Longfield Group, LLC  
Transportation Communications Union (TCU/IAM)  
Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO  
(TTD)

Trinity Health, ND  
TRIO Educational Opportunity Center (EOC)  
Vergennes Grand Senior Living  
Vergennes Partnership  
Vermont Adult Learning  
VHV Company

Washington DC Joint Plumbing Apprenticeship  
Committee  
Westmoreland Chamber of Commerce  
Westville Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce  
WorkONE Region 5

cc: Labor Secretary Lori Chavez-DeRemer