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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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Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. COONS, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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.

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 awards.
- 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 AWARDS.**

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

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

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided”;

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

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

1 “(2) AWARD AMOUNT.—The award referred to
2 in paragraph (1), payable to an individual described
3 in such paragraph, shall be in an amount that is
4 equal to twice the amount of the national average of
5 the cost for in-State tuition and fees at public, 4-
6 year institutions of higher education, for the award
7 year for which the national service position is ap-
8 proved by the Administration.

9 “(3) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term
10 ‘institution of higher education’ has the meaning
11 given the term in section 148(h).”.

12 **SEC. 7. INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP.**

13 The Director of the National and Community Service
14 Administration, using funds made available under section
15 501(a)(5) of the National and Community Service Act of
16 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12681(a)(5)), shall establish an inter-
17 agency working group to—

18 (1) evaluate and make recommendations re-
19 garding a process for evaluating the eligibility, for
20 national service educational awards, of individuals
21 who have participated in national service programs
22 that are not administered under this Act but are de-
23 scribed in section 123(2) of that Act (42 U.S.C.
24 12573(2));

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

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

12 **SEC. 8. NATIONAL SERVICE FOUNDATION.**

13 (a) **ELIMINATION OF CURRENT AUTHORITY FOR DO-**
 14 **NATIONS OF PROPERTY.**—Section 196(a) (42 U.S.C.
 15 12651g(a)) is amended—

16 (1) by striking paragraph (2);

17 (2) by redesignating clause (iii) of paragraph
 18 (1)(C) as paragraph (2); and

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

22 “(2) **INHERENTLY GOVERNMENTAL FUNC-**
 23 **TION.**—As used in this subsection,”.

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

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

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

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

18 “(b) BOARD OF THE FOUNDATION.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The National Service
 20 Foundation shall consist of a Board of the Founda-
 21 tion, having as members the Director of the Admin-
 22 istration, as an ex officio, nonvoting member, and
 23 not less than six individuals, who are not officers or
 24 employees of the Federal Government, appointed by

1 the Director after considering the recommendations
2 of the Advisory Board described in section 192.

3 “(2) TERMS.—

4 “(A) INITIAL MEMBERS.—The terms of the
5 initial members of the Board of the Foundation
6 shall be staggered to assure continuity of ad-
7 ministration.

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

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

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

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

23 “(5) QUORUM.—A majority of the members of
24 the Board of the Foundation serving at any one
25 time shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of

1 business, and the Foundation shall have an official
 2 seal, which shall be judicially noticed.

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

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

8 “(A) COMPENSATION.—A member of the
 9 Board of the Foundation shall serve without
 10 compensation. Notwithstanding section 1342 of
 11 title 31, United States Code, the Board may ac-
 12 cept and use voluntary and uncompensated
 13 services as the Commission determines nec-
 14 essary.

15 “(B) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—A member of
 16 the Board shall be allowed travel expenses (out
 17 of Foundation funds), including per diem in
 18 lieu of subsistence, at rates authorized for em-
 19 ployees of agencies under subchapter I of chap-
 20 ter 57 of title 5, United States Code, while
 21 away from the member’s home or regular places
 22 of business in the performance of services for
 23 the Board.

24 “(c) AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT AND USE GIFTS
 25 AND BEQUESTS.—The Foundation is authorized to ac-

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

19 “(d) USE OF FUNDS, INVESTMENT.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise re-
 21 quired by the instrument of transfer to the Founda-
 22 tion, the Foundation may sell, lease, invest, reinvest,
 23 retain, or otherwise dispose of or deal with any prop-
 24 erty transferred to the Foundation or income from
 25 the property as the Board of the Foundation may

1 from time to time determine to be appropriate. The
 2 Foundation shall not engage in any business, nor
 3 shall the Foundation make any investment, that may
 4 not lawfully be engaged in or made by a trust com-
 5 pany in the District of Columbia, except that the
 6 Foundation may make any investment authorized by
 7 the instrument of transfer, and may retain any
 8 property accepted by the Foundation.

9 “(2) SERVICES AND FACILITIES.—The Founda-
 10 tion may utilize the services and facilities of the Ad-
 11 ministration, and such services and facilities may be
 12 made available on request to the extent practicable
 13 without reimbursement.

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

15 “(1) SUCCESSION.—The Foundation shall have
 16 perpetual succession, with all the usual powers and
 17 obligations of a corporation acting as a trustee, in-
 18 cluding the power to sue and to be sued in its own
 19 name.

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

24 “(3) POWERS.—The Foundation shall have the
 25 power to enter into contracts, to execute instru-

1 ments, and generally to do any and all lawful acts
 2 necessary or appropriate to its purposes.

3 “(f) BYLAWS.—In carrying out the provisions of this
 4 Act, the Board of the Foundation may adopt bylaws, rules,
 5 and regulations necessary for the administration of its
 6 functions and enter into contracts for any necessary serv-
 7 ices.

8 “(g) TAX EXEMPT STATUS.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Foundation and any
 10 income or property received or owned by it, and all
 11 transactions relating to such income or property,
 12 shall be exempt from all Federal, State, and local
 13 taxation.

14 “(2) CONTRIBUTIONS TO LOCAL GOVERN-
 15 MENT.—The Foundation may, however, in the dis-
 16 cretion of the Board of the Foundation—

17 “(A) contribute toward the costs of local
 18 government in amounts not in excess of those
 19 costs that it would be obligated to pay such
 20 government if it were not exempt from taxation
 21 because of this subsection or because of its sta-
 22 tus as a charitable and nonprofit corporation;
 23 and

24 “(B) agree to so contribute property trans-
 25 ferred to the Foundation and the income de-

1 rived from the property if such agreement is a
2 condition of the transfer.

3 “(3) USE OF THE UNITED STATES.—Contribu-
4 tions, gifts, and other transfers made to or for the
5 use of the Foundation shall be regarded as contribu-
6 tions, gifts, or transfers to or for the use of the
7 United States.

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

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

16 “(j) INITIAL FUNDING.—For the purposes of assist-
17 ing the Foundation in establishing an office and meeting
18 initial administrative, project, and other startup expenses,
19 there is authorized to be appropriated \$2,500,000 for fis-
20 cal year 2020. Such funds shall remain available to the
21 Foundation until they are expended for authorized pur-
22 poses.”.

1 **SEC. 9. 21ST CENTURY AMERICAN SERVICE OUTREACH**
 2 **PROGRAM.**

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

5 **“SEC. 189E. 21ST CENTURY AMERICAN SERVICE OUTREACH**
 6 **PROGRAM.**

7 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 “(A) contact each covered individual upon
 25 such individual’s 17th birthday to notify the in-
 26 dividual about—

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

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

5 “(iii) other service programs for which
6 the individual may be eligible, including
7 service with the Peace Corps (as estab-
8 lished by the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C.
9 2501 et seq.)) and military service; and

10 “(iv) the individual’s option to opt out
11 of receiving any notifications, or just noti-
12 fications in a paper format, under this
13 paragraph; and

14 “(B) after contacting an covered individual
15 under subparagraph (A), notify the individual
16 every 2 years thereafter of the information de-
17 scribed in clauses (i) through (iv) of subpara-
18 graph (A), unless—

19 “(i) the individual is serving in a na-
20 tional service program or other program
21 described in subparagraph (A); or

22 “(ii) the individual has opted out of
23 receiving such notifications under subpara-
24 graph (A)(iv);

1 “(2) determine how the Administration will en-
 2 able covered individuals to, and then enable eligible
 3 individuals to, apply for a specific national service
 4 program and ensure that such application process is
 5 the most effective process for the purpose of apply-
 6 ing for such a program; and

7 “(3) develop a long-term strategy to gradually
 8 increase the number of opportunities in national
 9 service programs so that any covered individual who
 10 applies to and is eligible to participate in a national
 11 service program will be offered at least one service
 12 position.”.

13 **SEC. 10. LIVING ALLOWANCE AMOUNTS.**

14 (a) DOMESTIC VOLUNTEER SERVICE ACT OF
 15 1973.—Section 105(b) of the Domestic Volunteer Service
 16 Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4955(b)(2)) is amended—

17 (1) in paragraph (2)—

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

20 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “105
 21 percent” and inserting “210 percent”; and

22 (2) by adding at the end the following:

23 “(4)(A) A stipend or allowance under this sub-
 24 section shall not be increased as a result of amend-
 25 ments made by the ACTION for National Service

1 Act, or any other amendment made to this sub-
 2 section unless the funds appropriated for carrying
 3 out this part are sufficient to maintain for the fiscal
 4 year in question a number of participants to serve
 5 under this part at least equal to the number of such
 6 participants serving during the preceding fiscal year.

7 “(B) In the event that sufficient appropriations
 8 for any fiscal year are not available to increase any
 9 such stipend or allowance provided to the minimum
 10 amount specified in paragraph (2), the Director
 11 shall increase the stipend or allowance to such
 12 amount as appropriations for such year permit con-
 13 sistent with subparagraph (A).”.

14 (b) NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ACT OF
 15 1990.—

16 (1) NATIONAL CIVILIAN COMMUNITY CORPS
 17 LIVING ALLOWANCES.—Section 158(b) (42 U.S.C.
 18 12618(b)) is amended—

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

21 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director”;

22 (B) by striking “100 percent” and insert-
 23 ing “200 percent”; and

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

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

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

16 “(B) PARTIAL INCREASE.—In the event
17 that sufficient appropriations for any fiscal year
18 are not available to increase an allowance under
19 this subsection above the amount provided for
20 fiscal year 2019 or under section 140 to the
21 minimum amount specified in section 140, re-
22 spectively, the Director shall increase the allow-
23 ance to such amount as appropriations for such
24 year permit consistent with subparagraph (A).”.

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

3 (A) in subsection (a), by striking
4 “\$18,000” and inserting “\$30,000”;

5 (B) in subsection (e)(1), by striking
6 “\$19,500” and inserting “\$39,000”; and

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

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

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

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

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

11 **SEC. 12. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

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

13 (1) in subsection (a)—

14 (A) by striking paragraph (2) and insert-
 15 ing the following:

16 “(2) SUBTITLES C AND D.—

17 “(A) SUBTITLE C.—There are authorized
 18 to be appropriated for each of fiscal years 2020
 19 through fiscal year 2029, such sums as may be
 20 necessary to provide financial assistance under
 21 subtitle C of title I for the number of partici-
 22 pants in programs and activities under subtitle
 23 C for fiscal year 2019.

24 “(B) SUBTITLE D.—There are authorized
 25 to be appropriated, and there are appropriated,

for fiscal year 2020 and each subsequent fiscal year, such sums as may be necessary to provide national service educational awards under subtitle D of title I for the number of participants for whom the Administration recorded an obligation under section 149(a)(1)(B) for fiscal year 2019.”;

(B) in paragraph (6), by striking “subsection (b)” and inserting “subsection (c)”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

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

(2) by redesignating subsection (b) as subsection (c); and

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

“(b) ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

“(1) AUTHORIZATION.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Administration to carry out its programs and functions, including the programs and activities carried out under this Act and the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C.

1 4950 et seq.), such additional sums as may be nec-
 2 essary to achieve the goal set forth in paragraph (2).

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

11 “(3) PLAN FOR APPROVED NATIONAL SERVICE
 12 POSITIONS.—The Administration shall—

13 “(A) prepare a plan to—

14 “(i) establish the number of the ap-
 15 proved national service positions as
 16 250,000 for fiscal year 2020; and

17 “(ii) increase the number of the ap-
 18 proved positions in each fiscal year
 19 through fiscal year 2029, so that the num-
 20 ber of approved positions in fiscal year
 21 2029 is sufficient to support the goal in
 22 paragraph (2);

23 “(B) ensure that the increases described in
 24 subparagraph (A)(ii) are achieved through an

1 appropriate balance of full- and part-time serv-
 2 ice positions;

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

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

15 “(E) subject to the availability of appro-
 16 priations and quality service opportunities, im-
 17 plement the plan described in subparagraph
 18 (A).”.

19 **SEC. 13. EXCLUSION FROM GROSS INCOME OF NATIONAL**
 20 **SERVICE EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.**

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

1 “(e) NATIONAL SERVICE EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.—
 2 Gross income shall not include any national service edu-
 3 cational award described in subtitle D of title I of the Na-
 4 tional and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.
 5 12601 et seq.).”.

6 (b) EXCLUSION OF DISCHARGE OF STUDENT LOAN
 7 DEBT.—Subsection (f) of section 108 of such Code is
 8 amended by adding at the end the following new para-
 9 graph:

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

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

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

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

1 **“SEC. 139H. LIVING ALLOWANCE FOR NATIONAL SERVICE**
 2 **PARTICIPANTS.**

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

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

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

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

13 **SEC. 15. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO THE NATIONAL**
 14 **AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ACT OF 1990.**

15 (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 101 (42 U.S.C. 12511)
 16 is amended—

17 (1) by striking paragraph (9) and inserting the
 18 following:

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

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

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

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

7 (4) by transferring the redesignated paragraphs
 8 so the paragraphs appear in numerical order.

9 (b) SERVICE-LEARNING PROGRAMS.—

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

15 (2) Section 116(a)(2) (42 U.S.C. 12528(a)(2))
 16 is amended, in the paragraph heading, by striking
 17 “NONCORPORATION” and inserting “NONADMINIS-
 18 TRATION”.

19 (c) NATIONAL SERVICE TRUST PROGRAM.—

20 (1) Section 121 is amended—

21 (A) in subsection (e)(5)(B) (42 U.S.C.
 22 12571(e)(5)(B)), in the subparagraph heading,
 23 by striking “CORPORATION” and inserting “AD-
 24 MINISTRATION”; and

25 (B) by striking subsection (f).

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

3 (A) in subsection (d)(1), in the paragraph
4 heading, by striking “CORPORATION” and in-
5 serting “ADMINISTRATION”; and

6 (B) in subsection (f)(1)(A)—

7 (i) in the subparagraph heading, by
8 striking “CORPORATION” and inserting
9 “ADMINISTRATION”; and

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

15 (3) Section 129A(b) (42 U.S.C. 12581a(b)) and
16 section 131(f) (42 U.S.C. 12583(f)) are amended, in
17 the subsection headings, by striking “CORPORA-
18 TION” and inserting “ADMINISTRATION”.

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

23 (e) NATIONAL CIVILIAN COMMUNITY CORPS.—

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

1 (A) in subsection (a)—

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

6 (ii) by striking paragraph (3) and in-
7 serting the following:

8 “(3) at the election of the Director, carry out
9 any other activities recommended by the Board.”;
10 and

11 (B) in subsection (b)—

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

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

16 (iii) by striking paragraph (3).

17 (2) Section 165(1) (42 U.S.C. 12626(1)) is
18 amended by striking “Board of Directors” and in-
19 serting “Advisory Board”.

20 (f) ADMINISTRATION.—

21 (1) Section 172(b) (42 U.S.C. 12632(b)) is
22 amended, in the subsection heading, by striking
23 “CORPORATION” and inserting “ADMINISTRATION”.

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

1 (A) in subsection (c)(3), in the paragraph
 2 heading, by striking “CORPORATION” and in-
 3 serting “ADMINISTRATION”; and

4 (B) in subsection (j)(1), in the paragraph
 5 heading, by striking “CORPORATION” and in-
 6 serting “ADMINISTRATION”.

7 (g) NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ADMINIS-
 8 TRATION.—

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

12 **“Subtitle G—National and Commu-**
 13 **nity Service Administration”.**

14 (2) Section 191 (42 U.S.C. 12651) is amended
 15 in the section heading by striking “**CORPORATION**
 16 **FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**” and
 17 inserting “**NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**
 18 **ADMINISTRATION**”.

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

22 **“SEC. 192. ADVISORY BOARD.”.**

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

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

2 (5) Section 193 (42 U.S.C. 12651c) and section
3 193A (42 U.S.C. 12651d) are amended, in the sec-
4 tion headings, by striking “**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF-**
5 **FICER**” and inserting “**DIRECTOR**”.

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

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

11 (B) in subsection (b)—

12 (i) in paragraphs (1), (2)(A), (3)(A),
13 (4)(A), and (8) by striking “prepare and
14 submit to the Board” and inserting “after
15 consultation with the Board, prepare and
16 submit to the authorizing committees”;

17 (ii) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking
18 “an approved proposal under section
19 192A(g)(2)” and inserting “a proposal rec-
20 ommended by the Board during consulta-
21 tion under subparagraph (A)”;

22 (iii) in paragraph (3)(B), by striking
23 “an approved proposal under section
24 192A(g)(3)” and inserting “a proposal rec-
25 ommended by the Board during consulta-
26 tion under subparagraph (A)”;

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

6 (v) in paragraph (7), by striking “pre-
 7 pare and submit to the authorizing com-
 8 mittees and the Board” and inserting
 9 “after consultation with the Board, pre-
 10 pare and submit to the authorizing com-
 11 mittees”;

12 (vi) in paragraph (9)(B)—

13 (I) in clause (i), by striking “ap-
 14 proved by the Board under section
 15 192A(g)(1)” and inserting “rec-
 16 ommended by the Board during con-
 17 sultation under paragraph (1)”;

18 (II) in clause (ii), by striking
 19 “approved by the Board under para-
 20 graph (2) or (3) of section 192A(g)”
 21 and inserting “recommended by the
 22 Board during consultation under
 23 paragraph (2)(A) or (3)(A)”;

24 (III) in clause (iii), by striking
 25 “approved by the Board under section

1 192A(g)(4)” and inserting “rec-
2 ommended by the Board during con-
3 sultation under paragraph (4)(A)”;
4 (vii) in paragraph (10)(A), by striking
5 “the services referred to in paragraph (1),
6 and the money and property referred to in
7 paragraph (2), of section 196(a)” and in-
8 serting “the services referred to in section
9 196(a)(1), and the money and property re-
10 ferred to in section 199P,”;
11 (viii) in paragraph (11), by striking
12 “prepare and submit to the Board” and in-
13 serting “, after consultation with the
14 Board, prepare and submit to the author-
15 izing committees”; and
16 (ix) in paragraph (12)—
17 (I) by striking “members of the
18 Board and”;
19 (II) by striking “each member of
20 the Board and”; and
21 (III) by striking “such member
22 of the Board or”; and
23 (C) in subsection (d), by striking para-
24 graph (3).

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

3 (A) in subsection (c), in the subsection
 4 heading, by striking “CORPORATION” and in-
 5 serting “ADMINISTRATION”; and

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

13 (8) Sections 196A (42 U.S.C. 12651h) and 198
 14 (42 U.S.C. 12653) are amended in the section head-
 15 ings by striking “**CORPORATION**” and inserting
 16 “**ADMINISTRATION**”.

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

21 **“PART I—ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATION**
 22 **ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT NATIONAL SERVICE”.**

23 (i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
 24 501(a)(5)(B) (42 U.S.C. 12681(a)(5)(B)) is amended, in

1 the subparagraph heading, by striking “CORPORATION”
 2 and inserting “ADMINISTRATION”.

3 (j) GLOBAL REFERENCES TO CORPORATION.—Ex-
 4 cept in section 101(21)(A)(ii), section 132(b), or section
 5 601(b) of the National and Community Service Act of
 6 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12511(21)(A)(ii), 12584(b)), and except
 7 as provided in the table of contents or any heading of the
 8 Act, the Act is amended by striking “Corporation” each
 9 place it appears and inserting “Administration”.

10 (k) GLOBAL REFERENCES TO CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF-
 11 FICER.—Except as provided in the table of contents or any
 12 heading of the National and Community Service Act of
 13 1990, the Act is amended by striking “Chief Executive
 14 Officer” each place it appears and inserting “Director”.

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

17 (1) in the items relating to subtitle G of title
 18 I—

19 (A) by striking the item relating to the
 20 subtitle heading for subtitle G and inserting the
 21 following:

“Subtitle G—National and Community Service Administration”;

22 (B) by striking the item relating to section
 23 191 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 191. National and Community Service Administration.”;

1 (C) by striking the item relating to section
 2 193 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 193. Director.”;

3 (D) by striking the item relating to section
 4 193A and inserting the following:

“Sec. 193A. Authorities and duties of the Director.”;

5 and

6 (E) by striking the item relating to section
 7 196A and inserting the following:

“Sec. 196A. Administration State offices.”;

8 (2) in the items relating to part I of subtitle H
 9 of title I—

10 (A) by striking the item relating to the
 11 part heading and inserting the following:

“PART I—ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATION ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT NATIONAL
 SERVICE”;

12 and

13 (B) by striking the item relating to section
 14 198 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 198. Additional Administration activities to support national service.”;

15 and

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

“Subtitle K—National Service Foundation

“Sec. 199P. National Service Foundation.”.

1 **SEC. 16. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO THE DOMESTIC**
 2 **VOLUNTEER SERVICE ACT OF 1973.**

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

6 (1) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the
 7 following:

8 “(1) the term ‘Director’ means the Director of
 9 the National and Community Service Administration
 10 appointed under section 193 of the National and
 11 Community Service Act of 1990;”;

12 (2) by striking paragraph (7) and inserting the
 13 following:

14 “(7) the term ‘Administration’ means the Na-
 15 tional and Community Service Administration estab-
 16 lished under section 191 of the National and Com-
 17 munity Service Act of 1990;”;

18 (3) by redesignating paragraphs (7), (20), (1),
 19 (8), (9), (10), (11), (13), (12), (3), (4), (6), (5),
 20 (14), (15), (16), (17), (2), (18), and (19) as para-
 21 graphs (1) through (20), respectively; and

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

24 (b) REFERENCES TO NAMES.—The Domestic Volun-
 25 teer Service Act of 1973 is amended—

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

5 (2) except as provided in subsection (a) and
6 paragraph (1) of this subsection, by striking “Cor-
7 poration” each place it appears and inserting “Ad-
8 ministration”; and

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

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