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**CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE
OBJECTIONS TO SENATE VA-HUD
APPROPRIATIONS BILL**

Reduction in Grant Funding: The bill cuts AmeriCorps grants by \$13 million, 6 percent below FY '99 funding and \$78 million below the President's request. This will deny some 17,000 Americans the opportunity to join AmeriCorps. The President's request was the first step toward the goal of expanding AmeriCorps service opportunities to 100,000 Americans by the year 2002. This cut will thwart the achievement of this goal.

\$80 Million Rescission from the National Trust: The Corporation maintains a prudent reserve to ensure that there is sufficient funding available in the Trust to pay for future education awards. AmeriCorps members have up to 7 years from the end of their service to use their education awards. The first class of AmeriCorps members will not lose their award eligibility until the year 2002. While no AmeriCorps members would be adversely affected by this rescission in FY 2000, minor increases in future education award usage could put the Trust in a deficit, particularly if there is a substantial "up tick" in education awards usage by members in their 7th year of eligibility. This rescission will also limit the future growth of the Trust making it impossible to provide education awards to accommodate the President's goal of 100,000 members.

Reduction in Funding for Program Administration: The failure to fund the President's request of \$33 million for Program Administration will jeopardize the Corporation's ability to continue the managerial improvements that Congress and the Administration believe are critical.

Caps on NCCC Funding and Grants to National Non-Profits: The bill retains an \$18 million cap on funding for the National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC). NCCC is a residential program that deploys members in localities to meet critical needs in disaster relief, education, environment, public safety, and other human needs. The bill also retains the \$40 million cap on AmeriCorps grants to national non-profit organizations through the AmeriCorps National Direct grant program.

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Subject: Requested Language

Language on Overall AmeriCorps Program Funds/Raising National Direct Cap/Providing National Direct Funds to Girl Scouts of America and America's Promise

Here is the draft language you requested that increases the total amount for Corporation programs by \$32 million (to restore the proposed \$12 million from FY99 enacted level and increase subtitle C National Direct by \$20 million), increases the amount for subtitle C from \$224.5 million to \$244.5 million, raises the National Direct cap from \$40 million to \$60 million, and directs the Corporation to provide \$5 million of the National Direct funds to support the Girl Scouts of America, P.A.V.E. project and \$7.5 million to support the basic operations of America's Promise:

On page 73, line 22, strike "\$423,500,000" and insert "\$455,500,000".

On page 74, strike all that follows the proviso on line 9 through line 17 and insert in its place the following:

That not more than \$244,500,000 of the amount provided under this heading shall be available for grants under the National Service Trust program authorized under subtitle C of title I of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12571 et seq.) (relating to activities including the AmeriCorps program), of which not more than \$60,000,000 may be used to administer, reimburse, or support any national service program authorized under section 121(d)(2) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 12581(d)(2)): *Provided further*, That of the funds provided to administer, reimburse, or support national service programs authorized under section 121(d)(2) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 12581(d)(2)) the Corporation shall provide \$5,000,000 to support the Girl Scouts of America, Inc. "P.A.V.E. (Project Anti-Violence Education) the Way" project, and \$7,500,000 to support the basic operations of America's Promise:

Language on Increasing Program Administration

The following is our suggested modification of the program administration number, along with a fallback position for use in negotiations:

Increase Program Administration Funding to \$33 Million

On page 73 of the bill, line 24, delete "\$27,000,000" and replace with "\$33,000,000". In addition, on page 73, line 22, delete "\$423,500, 000" and replace with "\$429,500,000".

Increase Program Administration As Much As Possible, But No Less Than \$30 Million

On page 73 of the bill, line 24, delete "\$27,000,000" and replace with "\$30,000,000". In addition, on page 73, line 22, delete "\$423,500, 000" and replace with "\$426,500,000".

Please call us with any questions you may have. Thank you very much for your help!

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CONVUD - offer

- 50K rounds offered
 - \$10 next row - freeze
 - COB6 round etc - return transfer to Catalina > possible trade
 - buty Rhine - gone
 - could \$200K per hour, spendt, which ~~COB~~ + value
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- need ask for 85K rounds - they'll give 60K
 - full like (Buckin they'll give in

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Very preliminary list of Education amendments

9:30 pm 9/28

Democratic amendments

Class Size, add \$200 million or SoS

Sens. Murray, Kennedy Daschle

Talley

School construction, SoS

Sens Harkin/Robb

After school - add \$200 million

Sen. Durbin

After school - add \$200 million

Sen. Boxer

Talley

Teacher quality - HEA Title II add \$220

Sens. Kennedy, Reed, Bingaman others

Accountability in Title I

Sens. Bingaman, Reed, Kerry

LEAP (financial aid) add \$50 million

Sen. Reed

Voc Ed - add

Sen. Dorgan (DeWine, Jeffords)

Drop-outs

Sen. Reid

Gear-up

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Items to watch for:

Republican - add for IDEA

Republican - undo loan origination fee reduction

*Markus Smith - Adkins, others?
Buckle
John Dorgan*

Leo Henshaw - VP?

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SERVICE CHIEF SAYS HOUSE ACTION TO ELIMINATE AMERICORPS SENDS WRONG MESSAGE TO YOUNG PEOPLE

WASHINGTON D.C. – Harris Wofford, CEO of the Corporation for National Service, reacted to the House passage today of the VA-HUD appropriations bill which includes no funding for AmeriCorps for fiscal 2000:

“The House action is a slap in the face to the more than 50,000 young Americans who are eager to spend the next year serving their community and country. By failing to fund AmeriCorps, the House is saying no to young people who want to do the right thing. We look forward to working with Members of Congress on both sides of the aisle to restore funding for this vital program.”

The House VA-HUD appropriation bill includes no funding for AmeriCorps and other national service programs – despite the \$400 million that had been approved earlier this year by the VA-HUD and Independent Agencies appropriations subcommittee. The House bill would deny more than 50,000 youth the opportunity to serve their country and community while earning money for college, and eliminate support for service-learning programs that promote citizenship and academic achievement for more than one million students. In addition, the bill would eliminate funding for the Points of Light Foundation started by President Bush.

In recent months, leading Republicans including Montana Governor Marc Racicot, Congressman John Kasich (R-OH) and Colin Powell have voiced their support of AmeriCorps. Powell, when asked about the House Appropriations Committee action at the National Governors Association conference last month, said, “I think they made a big mistake, and I hope it will be corrected... (AmeriCorps) is a tremendous investment in young people, a tremendous investment in the future. I think they have demonstrated their worth, they have paid their dues and they are worthy of the support I hope they will get from Congress.”

This fall AmeriCorps is marking its fifth anniversary. Since 1994, well over 100,000 Americans have served with AmeriCorps. Together they have served taught, tutored or mentored more than 2 million youth; built and rehabilitated more than 25,000 homes and recruited nearly 2 million volunteers. A recent independent study of AmeriCorps concluded it is a cost-effective investment that returns \$1.66 for every dollar spent.

AmeriCorps members serve through national and local non-profits such as Habitat for Humanity, the American Red Cross, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, Boys and Girls Clubs and hundreds more. In exchange for a year of full-time service, AmeriCorps members earn a \$4,725 voucher that helps pay for college or training or pay back student loans. AmeriCorps is administered by the Corporation for National Service, which engages more than one million citizens in service that meets critical community needs.