May 1, 2024

The Honorable Robert Aderholt Chairman Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education House Appropriations Committee 266 Cannon House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
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House Appropriations Committee
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Dear Chairman Aderholt and Ranking Member DeLauro,

As you begin work on the Subcommittee's Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 appropriations bill, we request that you include necessary funding to ensure the success of the American Climate Corps program. We are supportive of AmeriCorps' legislative proposal for \$8 billion in mandatory funding through 2031 and we support fully funding AmeriCorps consistent with its FY 2023 service member enrollment levels. In particular, we request that you provide \$15 million in discretionary funding to the AmeriCorps Salaries and Expenses Account, designated to fund the American Climate Corps hub, and \$23 million to the AmeriCorps Operations account for the American Climate Corps program. These requests are consistent with AmeriCorps' requests.

With deadly heat, dangerous floods, rising seas, and devastating wildfires ravaging our country, the climate crisis demands a whole-of-government response at an unprecedented scale. The American Climate Corps provides a crucial solution for developing the workforce of the future. By leveraging the historic climate funding secured last Congress, using existing authorities, and coordinating across AmeriCorps and other relevant federal agencies, the American Climate Corps promises to unite its members in an effort to fight climate change, build community resilience, support environmental justice, and develop career pathways to good-paying union jobs focused on climate resilience and a clean economy.

In September 2023, many of the undersigned wrote to the Biden administration urging the president to create the American Climate Corps and promising to do our job in Congress to ensure it is well-resourced. We support the American Climate Corps and AmeriCorps. We urge appropriators to allocate the resources necessary to support this important program and federal agency. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



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