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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
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September 8, 2025

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

On behalf of the more than 140,000 members of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), I am writing to express our opposition to the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies' FY26 appropriations bill due to the reduction in funding for Job Corps. We urge you to provide sufficient funding to Job Corps by supporting Representative Sanford Bishop's amendment which will restore Job Corps funding to levels enacted under the full-year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025.

For sixty years, Job Corps has been the nation's largest and most successful career preparation program for disadvantaged youth. Job Corps serves 60,000 new enrollees each year between the ages of 16-24, helping break the cycle of poverty for more than two million young, at-risk jobseekers since 1964.

For over fifty years, NAHB's workforce training affiliate, the Home Builders Institute (HBI), has partnered with the Department of Labor (DOL) to deliver success for students seeking rewarding careers through Job Corps' Building Construction Technology Pre-Apprenticeship program. Today, HBI is the largest national training contractor in the Job Corps program.

At a time of endemic labor shortage and record-setting job openings, a reduction in funding for Job Corps is a step in the wrong direction and will further exacerbate the labor constraints felt by employers and reduce affordability in all aspects of life for the everyday American.

We urge you to support our request by adopting Representative Sanford Bishop's amendment which will restore Job Corps funding to levels enacted under the full-year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lake A. Coulson", written over a light blue horizontal line.

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