



Up2Us Sports Urges Congress to Invest in AmeriCorps

Up2Us Sports is urgently calling on you to take a stand for AmeriCorps and the invaluable impact it has on our communities.

Currently, both the House and Senate are considering spending bills that would significantly cut funding for AmeriCorps, jeopardizing the education awards and essential resources it provides.

The House FY24 Labor-HHS Appropriations bill proposes a drastic 50% reduction in AmeriCorps' total budget, the lowest level in 26 years. This move could eliminate tens of thousands of AmeriCorps positions, severely affecting community-based organizations and hindering their ability to address pressing local challenges.

Your voice is crucial in advocating for the preservation of AmeriCorps funding. We urge you to act now by visiting the [Voices for National Service website](https://voicesforservice.org) and following these simple steps:

STEP 1:

Navigate to:

<https://voicesforservice.org/tell-congress-to-support-ameri-corps-in-fy24-funding-decisions/>

STEP 2:

Read through the information to understand the risks involved. At the bottom of the page fill in your name, address, email, phone number. Under 'Additional Information,' please mention Up2Us Sports. Click **NEXT**.

STEP 3:

Your representatives' photos and names will auto-populate. In the 'Personalize your message' box, replace the pre-populated letter with the following:

*I am writing to urge you to support national service by **fully funding AmeriCorps** and its work across the country. I work with **Up2Us Sports** (www.Up2UsSports.org). Our organization recruits, trains and supports young adults to be coaches and mentors for kids in underserved communities. The mission of our organization is to use youth sports to help kids achieve their fullest potential.*

As you probably know, too many children in most states don't have the opportunity to partake in youth sports programming, which offers many physical, social, and emotional benefits and opportunities to develop life skills. We are changing this from coast to coast by providing youth with trained AmeriCorps coaches who engage them in sports programming





every day in safe settings where they are able to learn and thrive.

I can think of nothing more bipartisan than what we do across America: give every child in this country the opportunity to play, learn, and succeed.

*On behalf of every child served by our corps of 5,000+ AmeriCorps service members throughout this past decade, I urge you: **please fund AmeriCorps**. Every dollar we receive from this federal government is matched by at least two dollars in private donations. The difference we make is arguably the most cost-effective example of government dollars in action. And while this multiplier effect is easily measured financially, you can never fully measure the difference it makes for a child to wake up in your state and say, “I have a coach who cares about me and wants me to succeed.”*

Thank you for your support.

Simply delete the pre-populated text and copy and paste the above letter in its place. Click **SEND MESSAGE**.

Your action today can make a significant difference in safeguarding AmeriCorps and ensuring the continuation of national service. Thank you for joining Up2Us Sports in this crucial fight for the future of AmeriCorps.

Together, we can preserve AmeriCorps and its positive impact on communities across the nation.

