

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 15-0256R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Costello, President Young, Councilmembers Henry, Middleton, Branch, Kraft, Holton, Stokes, Clarke, Welch, Curran, Reisinger
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A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

Request for Federal Action – Fully Fund the Corporation for National and Community Service

FOR the purpose of strongly urging the members of Maryland’s Congressional delegation to vote to support funding the Corporation for National and Community Service at current levels, to sustain its valuable investment in our citizens and our community.

Recitals

WHEREAS, Funding for the Corporation for National and Community Service, which enables impactful volunteering for Baltimore residents through programs like AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, the Social Innovation Fund, the Volunteer Generation Fund, and the National Civilian Community Corps, the latter of which maintains a regional headquarters with over 200 volunteers here in the Baltimore metropolitan area, is currently threatened with severe cuts of up to a third of its budget.

WHEREAS, Baltimore, a member of the Cities of Service Coalition, benefits immensely from the contributions of its volunteers, who comprise 27% of our city’s residents, contribute 65.2 million hours of service annually, and whose service is valued at \$1.5 billion.

WHEREAS, Baltimore's volunteers, supported by the Corporation for National and Community Service, serve to address the city’s most pressing challenges, including drug addiction, the after-effects of incarceration, challenges faced by our veterans, illiteracy, and poverty.

WHEREAS, Volunteers in Baltimore were, and continue to be, instrumental as the city recovers from recent civil unrest.

WHEREAS, The experience of a service year is a profoundly transformative one for Corporation-funded volunteers, who receive valuable professional experience, on-the-job training, and Education Awards that allow them to realize their economic and professional potential – helping to turn good people into great Americans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the Council, in recognition of the above, strongly urges the members of Maryland’s Congressional delegation to vote to support funding the Corporation for National and Community Service at current levels to sustain this valuable investment in our citizens and our community.

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter deleted by amendment.

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1 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the
2 Honorable Members of the Maryland House and Senate Delegations to the 114th Congress, and
3 the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.