

My name is Robin Kaplan. I have been a tutor with Experience Corps in Baltimore City for 8 years. Like many other members of our senior community, I have found that tutoring these bright, curious, and delightful children has added to my life's direction and meaning. In addition to helping young students, tutoring has also provided hundreds of seniors with a social network of like-minded people and a sense of community and purpose. That sense of purpose is a critical factor for seniors at risk of experiencing loneliness, grief, and alienation. We nearly lost Experience Corps in Baltimore, and with it all of the resources and relationships which are nourishing our community. We need an office that will recognize that supporting our seniors is also supporting our city.

Thank you.

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