

United States Senate

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The Honorable Lori Chavez-DeRemer
Secretary
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20210

Dear Secretary Chavez-DeRemer:

Thank you for appearing before the Senate Labor, Health and Human Service, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee to discuss the President's Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Request. Despite the Administration's proposal to eliminate funding for the program, we remind you that Congress has appropriated funding for Fiscal Year 2025 for Job Corps in the Fiscal Year 2025 Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act that President Trump signed into law. That includes funding to enroll students in Job Corps Centers for the new program year that starts July 1, 2025. We expect that the Department will expeditiously restart background checks and make any contract extensions or modifications necessary to ensure no interruptions or delays for students or program operations.

Within the next week, please provide the following:

- The date that background check processing is resumed and the current backlog of background check requests.
- The status of each of the Job Corps contracts, including any extensions or modifications approved since March of this year.
- The evaluation plan for Job Corps, including any consultation with operators, students and graduates, and local business partners.
- A detailed explanation of the methodology, data sources, and staff, including their relevant qualifications, involved with Job Corps Transparency Report.

We would be pleased to work with you to improve Job Corps and make needed changes to the program, such as some of those that were included in the bipartisan bill to reauthorize the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, but we expect you to faithfully implement the program with the resources we have appropriated. We appreciate your timely response.

Sincerely,



Jack Reed
United States Senator



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator