

## United States Senate

May 29, 2025

The Honorable Donald J. Trump  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Trump:

I write to express my deep concern with recent actions taken by your Administration to dismantle the Job Corps program, a transformative workforce development tool that has helped millions of young people access education, training, and career placement assistance. At a time when our nation is facing skilled workforce shortages in key sectors, Job Corps plays a critical role in equipping at-risk youth with the skills they need to meaningfully contribute to their communities, fill needed labor gaps, and help boost local economies. For decades, the Job Corps program has cultivated a strong and resilient workforce in Nevada, and eliminating the program will have detrimental consequences on the communities, employers, and youth that rely on it. As such, I urge you to protect the Job Corps program and immediately reverse course on a reported stop work order that would close the Sierra Job Corps Center in Nevada and other centers across the country.

The Job Corps program is the largest residential career training program nationwide and offers skills training for young people ages 16 to 24 who come from low-income backgrounds or face barriers to education and employment. At the over 120 Job Corps campuses across the country, Job Corps provides skills training in in-demand fields like manufacturing, construction, and health care, helps students complete their high-school education, and empowers students to enter the workforce and gain employment.

In Nevada, we have seen firsthand the power of investing in our workers through the Job Corps program. The Sierra Nevada Job Corps Center, located in Reno, Nevada, is a key economic driver in Northern Nevada and has served approximately 25,000 Nevadans since it opened in 1979. In the 2024 program year, nearly 82 percent of Sierra Nevada Job Corps students were placed in a full-time job with a minimum starting wage of \$17.97 hour – nearly \$6 higher than Nevada's minimum wage. In addition to job training and placement, the Sierra Nevada Job Corps campus provides room and board, offering a stable living environment for low-income students who may not otherwise be able to afford housing costs while accessing job training.

It is my understanding that the Department of Labor notified Job Corps centers yesterday to expect an imminent stop work order on all Job Corps programming, potentially impacting more than 50,000 students nationwide, including over 300 students in Nevada. Unfortunately, this is only the latest in a string of attacks by your Administration on the Job Corps program. I was extremely disappointed to see the FY2026 President's Budget propose completely eliminating Job Corps funding, which followed the Department of Labor freezing background check

processing for new students in March, bringing enrollment to an immediate halt and leaving more than 12,000 young workers waiting to enroll.

A stop work order would have immediate and severe impacts in Nevada, cutting off our youth population from critical job training needed to build the skills necessary to secure and maintain good-paying jobs. The Sierra Nevada Job Corps Center also currently houses over 300 students, and a stop work order would likely force the Center to shut down their facilities and evict their students from the property – the vast majority of whom would face homelessness or return to deeply impoverished circumstances without access to Jobs Corps dorms. To avoid these dire consequences, I strongly urge you to protect the Job Corps program by immediately reversing course on any incoming stop work order, maintaining full Job Corps funding, and resuming enrollment by restarting background check processing for new students.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent and important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jacky Rosen", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J".

Jacky Rosen  
United States Senator