

United States Senate

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The Honorable Patty Murray
Chair
Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
428 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Chair Murray,


As you and the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee develop legislative text for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2022 budget reconciliation bill, I write to express my support for robust funding for the Job Corps — specifically funding for construction, rehabilitation, and acquisition (CRA) of Job Corps centers. I thank you for your continued leadership on this program and ask for continued support to ensure robust funding that will help Job Corps centers across the country and the state of Georgia.

Currently, Georgia is home to the Turner Job Corps Center in Albany and the Brunswick Job Corps Center. These two centers have the capacity for over 1,000 participants across the state. However, they face a serious repair backlog that jeopardizes their programs. In Brunswick, there is a repair backlog of over \$12 million. The Turner Job Corps Center in Albany is the 4th largest center nationwide and has more than \$21 million in repair backlogs.¹

CRA funding for Job Corps centers is especially important to the metro Atlanta region, which has lacked a center since 2017. The Department of Labor temporarily closed the Atlanta Jobs Corps Center in 2017 and planned to open a new campus in South Fulton. Due to construction delays and construction quality issues, the procurement contract for the new location was terminated. The prior Atlanta Jobs Corps Center had capacity for 475 participants. Rebuilding the center would help connect thousands of Georgians with high-quality career opportunities.

I look forward to working with you and the members of your Committee on the Job Corps program.

Sincerely,



Jon Ossoff
United States Senator

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AND URBAN AFFAIRS

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¹ Job Corps Repair Backlog Breakdown by Project Type – as of May 14, 2019.