

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

January 17, 2013

The Honorable Hilda Solis
Secretary of Labor
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20210

Dear Secretary Solis:

We are writing to request reconsideration of the Department of Labor's plan to temporarily cut nearly 3,200 students slots at seven Job Corps centers across the country through June 30, 2013. This move would have severe and adverse consequences on the at-risk youth Job Corps serves. While we understand and support the Department of Labor's need to balance its budget and recover approximately \$59 million—we strongly oppose this approach. Reducing the number of students served would deprive disadvantaged youth of the opportunity to become taxpaying members of our local communities.

In addition to being detrimental to students, the proposed cuts to student slots at the Clearfield Job Corps Center would also have a significant negative impact on staff and our local economy, which is still struggling to recover from unprecedented unemployment and economic instability.

We strongly urge you to consider the alternative cost-saving measures that have been submitted to the Department of Labor by leading Job Corps stakeholders to address the estimated \$59 million Program Year 2012 shortfall. The adoption of these proposed measures would help the Department of Labor balance its budget, while also preserving the majority of the Job Corps student slots. We believe these alternative cost-saving measures should be implemented, in an effort to exhaust all available options, before a drastic action that will cut off career training opportunities for 3,200 at-risk youth is undertaken.

Sincerely,



Rob Bishop
Member of Congress



Jim Matheson
Member of Congress



Chris Stewart
Member of Congress



Jason Chaffetz
Member of Congress