

(Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1010, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage guaranteed lifetime income payments from annuities and similar payments of life insurance proceeds at dates later than death by excluding from income a portion of such payments.

S. 1556

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1556, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the exclusion from gross income for employer-provided health coverage to designated plan beneficiaries of employees, and for other purposes.

S. 1738

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1738, a bill to establish a Special Counsel for Child Exploitation Prevention and Interdiction within the Office of the Deputy Attorney General, to improve the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, to increase resources for regional computer forensic labs, and to make other improvements to increase the ability of law enforcement agencies to investigate and prosecute predators.

S. 2618

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2618, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for research with respect to various forms of muscular dystrophy, including Becker, congenital, distal, Duchenne, Emery-Dreifuss, Facioscapulohumeral, limb-girdle, myotonic, and oculopharyngeal muscular dystrophies.

S. 2919

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. MCCASKILL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2919, a bill to promote the accurate transmission of network traffic identification information.

S. 3197

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3197, a bill to amend title 11, United States Code, to exempt for a limited period, from the application of the means-test presumption of abuse under chapter 7, qualifying members of reserve components of the Armed Forces and members of the National Guard who, after September 11, 2001, are called to active duty or to perform a homeland defense activity for not less than 90 days.

S. 3353

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3353, a bill to provide temporary financial relief for rural school districts adversely impacted by the current energy crisis, and for other purposes.

S. 3380

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3380, a bill to promote increased public transportation use, to promote increased use of alternative fuels in providing public transportation, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 5278

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 5278 intended to be proposed to S. 3001, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 5302

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 5302 intended to be proposed to S. 3001, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 5308

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 5308 intended to be proposed to S. 3001, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 5338

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 5338 intended to be proposed to S. 3001, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 5399

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 5399 intended to be proposed to S. 3001, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 5444

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 5444 intended to be proposed to S. 3001, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. SMITH):

S. 3484. A bill to provide for a delay in the phaseout of the hospice budget neutrality adjustment factor under title XVIII of the Social Security Act; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I have sought recognition today to introduce the Medicare Hospice Protection Act, which will place a one-year moratorium on a final rule issued by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, CMS, reducing payments to hospice providers and ensure Medicare beneficiaries' access to hospice care.

More than 1.3 million Americans depend on hospice for high quality and compassionate end-of-life care each year. Unfortunately, on August 1, 2008, CMS issued a final rule to reduce hospice reimbursement rates in Medicare. This reduction of the hospice wage index will take \$2.3 billion out of hospice care over the next 5 years if this Congress allows it to be implemented as scheduled on October 1, 2008.

The Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, MedPAC, is currently examining the payment system for hospice care. We must allow the MedPAC to complete this important review of the hospice Medicare benefit and make payment recommendations, which is expected in 2009. The Hospice Protection Act, introduced by myself and Senators HARKIN, WYDEN, ROBERTS, ROCKEFELLER and SMITH, will provide that time with a one-year moratorium on implementation.

Hospice is an efficient and cost-effective health care model. Hospice provides individuals at the end of their lives, as well as their families, with comfort and compassion when they are needed most. Hospice care enables a person to retain his or her dignity and maintain quality of life during the end of life. An independent Duke University study in 2007 showed that patients receiving hospice care cost the Medicare program about \$2,300 less than

those who did not, resulting in an annual savings of more than \$2 billion.

In April 28, 2008, just before the Notice of Proposed Rule Making was released, a bipartisan group of more than 40 Senators wrote to Secretary Leavitt and asked him to stop further action and wait for MedPAC recommendations on hospice payment issues. On July 28, 2008, before the final rule was released, Senators HARKIN, WYDEN, ROBERTS and I wrote to the White House, to urge them to stop the regulation from being finalized and to consider the burden that this regulation will put on the hospice community.

Our repeated requests have been ignored, so we are introducing this legislation to keep CMS from implementing a short-sighted and irresponsible cut to end-of-life care. I ask my fellow Senators to join me in support of the Hospice Protection Act and to work toward its swift passage.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. LUGAR):

S. 3485. A bill to require manufacturers to increase the percentage of automobiles manufactured for sale within the United States that are capable of operating on higher-level blends of renewable fuels, such as ethanol and biodiesel, in combination with gasoline or diesel fuel; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, our national energy situation is continuing to deteriorate. Petroleum and gasoline prices have set all time records, and our oil imports are responsible for an incredibly large wealth transfer from America to global oil producers. Our most immediate and visible energy challenges are adequate supplies and record prices for fuels in our transportation sector, but natural gas and coal prices also have risen to new plateaus, and these are impacting both electricity prices and manufacturing and delivery costs across our economy and society. We have yet to tackle the problem of reducing greenhouse gas emissions, the large majority of which result from the combustion of fossil fuels. The environmental impacts of energy use, especially from autos and power plants, are still a major health concern. In short, we need to initiate a major transition of our energy sector, to one that is far more efficient, is much less reliant on fossil fuels and imported oil, and is utilizing vastly more domestically produced renewable fuels and energy.

Americans recognize the magnitude and the urgency of our energy challenges. They rightfully expect us to adopt policies to move this energy transition forward. In particular, we need to reduce dependence on oil in transportation, and we have broad agreement on two fundamental approaches—increasing efficiency of vehicles and increasing use of alternative fuels. However, in expanding the use of alternative fuels, we face the challenge of needing both alternative fueling sta-

tions and vehicles that can use these fuels. The Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 calls for a brisk expansion of the production and use of biofuels, and it promotes the expansion of the ethanol distribution and sales infrastructure. In parallel, we need to rapidly expand the number of dual fuel automobiles, including in particular autos that can be fueled with any blend of gasoline and ethanol ranging from zero to 85 percent ethanol.

Today I am joined by my esteemed colleague, Senator LUGAR of Indiana, in introducing the Dual fuel Automobile Act of 2008. This bill will expand the number of dual fuel automobiles at a rapid pace while not imposing undue production cost challenges or our auto manufacturers. It calls for 50 percent of all light-duty vehicles manufactured for sale in the United States to be dual fuel automobiles by 2011. It increases that to 90 percent of all light-duty vehicles manufactured for U.S. sales by 2013. These requirements are reasonable because it is known that gasoline vehicles require relatively minor changes in fuel system designs to be able to use blends of gasoline and ethanol which qualify them for dual fuel designation.

This mandate will ensure that the number of dual fuel automobiles in our transportation fleet is expanding apace with the expansion of ethanol production and use in our national fuel supply over the next 15 years and beyond. Taken together, our increasing production of biofuels, our incentives for installation of alternative fuel infrastructure, light-duty vehicle requirement will provide Americans the option of choosing clean, domestically-produced fuels for their personal transportation needs in the future. This represents a critical component in the transition of our energy systems away from fossil and imported fuels toward reliance on sustainable domestic fuel sources.

Today I urge my Senate colleagues to join us in taking action to boost the transition to a cleaner, more resilient, and more secure energy economy. I request support for this bill and its rapid enactment.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 3485

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. ENSURING THE AVAILABILITY OF DUAL FUELED AUTOMOBILES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 329 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 32902 the following:

“§32902A. Requirement to manufacture dual fueled automobiles

“(a) IN GENERAL.—For each model year listed in the following table, each manufacturer shall ensure that the percentage of automobiles manufactured by the manufacturer for sale in the United States that are

dual fueled automobiles is not less than the percentage set forth for that model year in the following table:

Model Year	Percentage
model years 2011 and 2012	50 percent
model year 2013 and each subsequent model year.	90 percent

“(b) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a) shall not apply to automobiles that operate only on electricity.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for chapter 329 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 32902 the following:

“32902A. Requirement to manufacture dual fueled automobiles.”.

(c) RULEMAKING.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall prescribe regulations to carry out the amendments made by this Act.

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, A few days ago I returned from a two week engagement abroad which included stops at Azerbaijan's oil and natural gas rich Caspian Sea coast, through Georgia, Turkey, Romania, Ukraine, Germany, and finally to Brussels, Belgium.

While my visit was planned well in advance of the conflict between Georgia and Russia, recent events have amplified the importance of energy as a strategic priority in capitals across this region. States dependent on Russian gas to fuel their economies and ways of life understand that turning off the tap may be as effective a weapon as the tanks and armies that rolled across Georgia. For example, the Russian suspension of gas supplies to Ukraine 2 years ago spurred significant discussion of energy security amongst European friends. Yet only modest changes in planning and preparation have occurred. Meanwhile, Russia has aggressively sought to increase its dominance over energy supplies.

In the U.S. we are largely dependent on foreign governments for our transportation energy needs, which leaves our own security and prosperity in jeopardy. Accordingly, we must attain genuine energy security with supplies sufficient enough to grow our economy and insulate us from foreign manipulation. We are fortunate to have the means to bolster both renewable and conventional energy sources.

Realizing this potential will take leadership and vision. Renewable energy offers the greatest hope to wed our energy security needs with economic growth and environmental stewardship. However, one of the major impediments to expanding renewable energy, such as biofuels, is a lack of appropriate infrastructure. Currently our automobile fleet is largely built to run on petroleum based gasoline and up to 10 percent ethanol blends. This means that even though ethanol makes up a relatively small portion of our fuel source, greater production from the next generation biofuels, such as cellulosic ethanol, will be severely hampered, if not prevented.

This is why I join Senator HARKIN of Iowa in introducing the Dual Fuel Automobile Act of 2008. This bill calls for 50 percent of all automobiles manufactured for sale in the U.S. to be dual fuel automobiles by 2011, meaning that the purchaser of the vehicle would have a choice in which fuel they choose to power their vehicle. It would increase to 90 percent of all automobiles manufactured for U.S. sales by 2013. Relatively minor and inexpensive changes in fuel system designs allow blends of gasoline and ethanol to be used dependent on the consumer's choice each time they fill up.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 3486. A bill to establish the Commission on Measures of Household Economic Security to conduct a study and submit a report containing recommendations to establish and report economic statistics that reflect the economic status and well-being of American households; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, our Government agencies collect and report a range of economic information but much of what we see or hear is most suited to describing the general state of the country's economy. This information does not reflect what is happening in and what matters most to our families and the quality of our lives. For example, our national unemployment figures don't tell us that those who are employed may not have benefits, or that they are working two or three jobs to earn the income that they report, or that their mortgage debt and college loans are jeopardizing their ability to repay their credit card debt or their medical bills. By knowing and reporting this kind of information we can not only more accurately reflect what our families are experiencing economically, we can better inform policymakers about what matters most to people and the steps that need to be taken to address household economic needs and concerns.

To address this need I am introducing the Commission on Measures of Household Economic Security Act of 2008. The bill would establish a bipartisan congressional commission of 8 economic experts to look at existing government economic data and identify the possible need for new information, more accurate methodologies and better ways to report these economic measures to give a more accurate and reliable picture of the economic well being of American households. As part of their effort, the Commission will be asked to meet with representative groups of the public so that their views are taken into account in the Commission's recommendations.

In doing this, the Commission will look at such things as the current debt situation of American individuals and households, including categories of debt such as credit card debt, education related loans and mortgage pay-

ments; the movement Americans between salaried jobs with benefits to single or multiple wage jobs with limited or no benefits with a comparison of income to include the value of benefits programs such as health insurance and retirement plans; the percentage of Americans who are covered by both employer-provided and individual health care plans and the extent of coverage per dollar paid by both employers and employees; the savings rate, including both standard savings plans and pension plans; the disparity in income distribution over time and between different demographic and geographic groups; and the breakdown of household expenditures between such categories as food, shelter, medical expenses, debt servicing, and energy.

In addition, the Commission will consider the relevance of certain non-market activities, like household production, education, and volunteer services that affect the economic well being of households but are not measured or valued in currently reported economic statistics. As Robert F. Kennedy has famously said, some of our economic indicators measure "everything in short, except that which makes life worthwhile." We need to make an effort to value more than just our gross domestic product and sales receipts. We need to better measure and understand what matters to American households.

This effort to improve how we measure what matters in our economy is very much in the Wisconsin tradition of accountable good Government. It was Senator Robert LaFollette, Jr. who, in 1932, introduced a resolution requiring the U.S. Government to establish a more scientific, specific and accurate set of measures of the health of the U.S. economy. From his request, Simon Kuznets, a University of Pennsylvania economics professor, developed the first set of national accounts which form the basis for today's measure of GDP and other economic indicators. Kuznets won the 1971 Nobel Prize in Economics "for his empirically founded interpretation of economic growth which has led to new and deepened insight into the economic and social structure and process of development." His work was the basis for much of the New Deal reform policies. Yet Kuznets specifically acknowledged that his measures were incomplete and did not go far enough to measure what may really matter. In his 1934 report to the Senate on his compilation of statistics associated with Gross National Product he concluded: "The welfare of a nation can . . . scarcely be inferred from a measurement of national income as [so] defined . . ." This bill is intended to advance these earlier efforts to make our economic statistical measures more reflective of the welfare of our families and our nation.

The cost of this commission will be fully covered by amounts already authorized and appropriated to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. I urge my colleagues to support my legislation

By Mr. REID (for Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. DODD, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mrs. CLINTON)):

S. 3487. A bill to amend the National and Community Service Act of 1990 to expand and improve opportunities for service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be placed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 3487

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Serve America Act".

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—NATIONAL SERVICE

Subtitle A—Service-Learning

Sec. 111. Youth engagement zones to strengthen communities.

Sec. 112. Campus of Service.

Sec. 113. Service-learning impact study.

Subtitle B—Supporting Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Sec. 121. Innovation and entrepreneurship.

Subtitle C—ServeAmerica Corps

Sec. 131. Corps.

Subtitle D—Civic Health Index

Sec. 141. Index.

Subtitle E—ServeAmerica and Encore Fellowships

Sec. 151. ServeAmerica and Encore Fellowships.

Subtitle F—Volunteer Generation Fund; National Service Reserve Corps; Call to Service Campaign

Sec. 161. Statement of purposes.

Sec. 162. Establishment of Volunteer Generation Fund.

Sec. 163. National Service Reserve Corps.

Sec. 164. Call To Service campaign.

Subtitle G—Conforming Amendments

Sec. 171. Conforming amendments.

TITLE II—VOLUNTEERS FOR PROSPERITY PROGRAM

Sec. 201. Findings.

Sec. 202. Definitions.

Sec. 203. Office of Volunteers for Prosperity.

Sec. 204. Authorization of appropriations.

TITLE I—NATIONAL SERVICE

Subtitle A—Service-Learning

SEC. 111. YOUTH ENGAGEMENT ZONES TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNITIES.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

(1) Engaging in service-learning and community service activities at a young age makes individuals more likely to continue to volunteer and engage in service throughout their lives.

(2) High-quality service-learning programs keep students engaged in school and increase the likelihood that they will graduate.

(3) Since its creation, the Learn and Serve America program has allowed over 15,000,000 students to take part in service-learning activities to improve their communities and schools.

(4) Most schools do not offer service-learning activities, but many students, particularly students at risk of dropping out, express an interest in service-learning.

(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section are—

(1) to provide increased high-quality service-learning opportunities for in-school and out-of-school youth in high-need, low-income communities as a strategy to retain and re-engage youth likely to drop out and youth who have dropped out;

(2) to encourage more individuals to engage in lifetimes of service by teaching young people the value of service early in their lives; and

(3) to establish youth engagement zones with the goal of involving all secondary school students served by a local educational agency in service-learning to solve a specific community challenge, through a program that can serve as a model for other communities.

(c) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—Part I of subtitle B of title I of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12521 et seq.) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subparts B and C as subparts C and D, respectively;

(2) by redesignating sections 115, 115A, 116, 116A, and 116B as sections 114A through 114E, respectively; and

(3) by inserting after subpart A the following:

“Subpart B—Youth Engagement Zones to Strengthen Communities

“SEC. 115. GRANT PROGRAM.

“(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) COLLEGE-GOING RATE.—The term ‘college-going rate’ means the percentage of high school graduates who enroll in an institution of higher education in the school year immediately following graduation from high school.

“(2) GRADUATION RATE.—The term ‘graduation rate’ means the graduation rate for public secondary school students, as defined in section 111(b)(2)(C)(vi) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6311(b)(2)(C)(vi)).

“(3) LOW-INCOME STUDENT.—The term ‘low-income student’ means a student who is eligible to be counted under one of the measures of poverty described in section 1113(a)(5) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6313(a)(5)).

“(4) OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH.—The term ‘out-of-school youth’ means youth of an appropriate age to attend secondary school who are not currently enrolled in secondary schools.

“(5) YOUTH ENGAGEMENT ZONE.—The term ‘youth engagement zone’ means the area in which a youth engagement zone program is carried out.

“(6) YOUTH ENGAGEMENT ZONE PROGRAM.—The term ‘youth engagement zone program’ means a service-learning program in which members of a partnership described in subsection (c) collaborate to provide coordinated school-based or community-based service-learning opportunities, to address a specific community challenge, for secondary school students served by the local educational agency involved as described in subsection (d)(2)(B), and for an increasing percentage of out-of-school youth, over 5 years.

“(b) GENERAL AUTHORITY AND AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—

“(1) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—Subject to paragraph (3), the Corporation may make grants, on a competitive basis, to eligible partnerships to enable the partnerships to establish and carry out, in youth engagement zones, youth engagement zone programs with secondary school students and with out-of-school youth, in order to carry out projects to improve communities involving—

“(A) improving student engagement, including student attendance and student behavior, and student academic achievement,

graduation rates, and college-going rates, at secondary schools with high concentrations of low-income students;

“(B) maintaining and improving local parks, trails, and rivers, assisting in the development of local recycling programs, or implementing initiatives to improve local energy effectively;

“(C) improving civic engagement and participation among individuals of all ages; or

“(D) carrying out another activity that focuses on solving a community challenge faced by the community that the eligible partnership involved will serve.

“(2) GRANT PERIODS.—The Corporation shall make the grants for periods of 5 years.

“(3) GRANT AMOUNTS.—The Corporation shall make such a grant to a partnership in an amount of not less than \$250,000 and not more than \$1,000,000, based on the number of students served by the local educational agency in the partnership.

“(c) ELIGIBLE PARTNERSHIPS.—To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, a partnership—

“(1) shall include—

“(A) a community-based agency that has a demonstrated record of success in carrying out service-learning programs with low-income students, and that meets such criteria as the Chief Executive Officer may establish; and

“(B)(i) a local educational agency for which—

“(I) a high number or percentage of the students served by the agency, as determined by the Corporation, are low-income students; and

“(II) the graduation rate for the secondary school students served by the agency is less than 70 percent; or

“(ii)(I) a State Commission or State educational agency; and

“(II) more than 1 local educational agency described in clause (i); and

“(2) may include—

“(A) a local government agency that is not described in paragraph (1);

“(B) the office of the chief executive officer of a unit of general local government; or

“(C) an institution of higher education.

“(d) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, a partnership shall submit an application to the Corporation at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Corporation may require, which shall include—

“(1) a description of the project to improve the community that the partnership is proposing to carry out, including—

“(A) the community challenge the partnership seeks to address, and relevant data about the challenge in such community; or

“(B) a description of the process the partnership will use, as part of the youth engagement zone program, to identify the community challenge the partnership will seek to address, including how the partnership will use relevant data to identify such challenge;

“(2) a description of how the partnership will work with secondary schools served by the local educational agency that is included in such partnership in carrying out the project to assure that—

“(A) by the end of the third year of the grant period, a majority of the students in the secondary schools served by the local educational agency will have participated in service-learning activities as part of the project; and

“(B) by the end of the fifth year of the grant period—

“(i) not less than 90 percent of the students in those schools will have participated in service-learning activities as part of the project; or

“(ii) service-learning will be a mandatory part of the curriculum in all of the sec-

ondary schools served by the local educational agency;

“(3) a description of the amount of time for which the partnership will seek to have participating individuals participate in service-learning activities as part of the project, and how that time will be structured;

“(4) a description of the partnership’s plan to provide high-quality, ongoing service-learning professional development and assistance to educators conducting service-learning activities through the youth engagement zone program;

“(5) a description of how the partnership will work to—

“(A) ensure that out-of-school youth in the community are included as participants in service-learning activities carried out through the project; and

“(B) re-engage out-of-school youth;

“(6) a description of how the partnership will work, through the project, to improve student engagement, including student attendance and student behavior, and student achievement, graduation rates, and college-going rates, at schools served by the local educational agency that is included in the eligible partnership;

“(7) a description of how the partnership will encourage participants to continue to engage in service after graduation from secondary school; and

“(8) a description of how youth in the community were involved in the development of the proposal for the project.

“(e) PRIORITY AND GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY.—

“(1) PRIORITY.—In making grants under this section, the Corporation shall give priority to eligible partnerships that serve high percentages or numbers of low-income students.

“(2) CONSIDERATION.—In making grants under this section, the Corporation shall take into consideration the relevant data about the challenges in communities that eligible partnerships include in their applications, if the relevant partnerships submit such relevant data under subsection (d)(1)(A).

“(3) GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY.—The Corporation shall make the grants to a geographically diverse set of eligible partnerships, including partnerships that serve urban, and partnerships that serve rural, communities.

“(f) USE OF FUNDS.—

“(1) MANDATORY ACTIVITIES.—A partnership that receives a grant under this section shall use the funds made available through the grant to establish and carry out a high-quality youth engagement zone program designed to—

“(A) solve specific community challenges;

“(B) improve student engagement, including student attendance and student behavior, and student achievement, graduation rates, and college-going rates in secondary schools;

“(C) involve an increasing percentage of secondary school students and out-of-school youth in the community in school-based or community-based service-learning activities each year, with the goal of involving all students in secondary schools served by the local educational agency and involving an increasing percentage of the out-of-school youth in service-learning activities over the course of 5 years; and

“(D) encourage participants to continue to engage in service throughout their lives.

“(2) PERMISSIBLE ACTIVITIES.—A partnership that receives a grant under this section may use the funds made available through the grant for activities described in section 111.

“(g) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Any requirement of this subpart that applies to a local educational agency in a partnership shall be

considered to apply to each local educational agency in the partnership.”

(d) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS AND RESERVATIONS.**—Section 501(a)(1) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 12681(a)(1)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “title I” and inserting “title I (other than subpart B of part I)”;

(2) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by striking “subpart B” and inserting “subpart C”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(C) **SUBPART B OF PART I.**—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out subpart B of part I of subtitle B of title I—

“(i) \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2009;

“(ii) \$30,000,000 for fiscal year 2010;

“(iii) \$30,000,000 for fiscal year 2011;

“(iv) \$40,000,000 for fiscal year 2012; and

“(v) \$40,000,000 for fiscal year 2013.”

SEC. 112. CAMPUS OF SERVICE.

(a) **FINDINGS.**—Congress finds the following:

(1) Providing service-learning courses to individuals who are students in institutions of higher education can make such individuals more likely to engage in service throughout their lives, and better prepared to take on public service careers in the nonprofit sector or government.

(2) While many institutions of higher education, in using work-study funds for community service under part C of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, considerably exceed the percentage of such funds required to be used for such service, nationally the amount of such funds used for such service has remained relatively constant for the past few years.

(3) The public service sector, including nonprofit organizations and government, faces many human capital challenges, and institutions of higher education can be a part of efforts to address the challenges.

(b) **PURPOSES.**—The purposes of this section are—

(1) to identify and recognize institutions of higher education that serve as model Campuses of Service, in terms of engaging students in community service activities, providing service-learning courses, and encouraging or assisting graduates to pursue careers in public service in the nonprofit sector or government; and

(2) to allow such institutions to increase their ability to encourage or assist more students to pursue careers in public service, including public service careers in the nonprofit sector or government.

(c) **GENERAL AUTHORITY.**—Subtitle B of title I of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12521 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“PART III—CAMPUS OF SERVICE PROGRAM

“SEC. 119E. CAMPUSES OF SERVICE.

“(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Corporation, after consultation with the Secretary of Education, may annually designate not more than 30 institutions of higher education as Campuses of Service, from among institutions nominated by State Commissions. An institution that receives the designation shall have an opportunity to apply for funds under subsection (d), and may nominate additional individuals for ServeAmerica Fellowships under section 198E, as described in subsection (e).

“(b) **APPLICATIONS FOR NOMINATION.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—To be eligible for a nomination to receive designation under subsection (a), and have an opportunity to apply for funds under subsection (d), for a fiscal year, an institution of higher education in a State shall submit an application to the State Commission at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the State Commission may require.

“(2) **CONTENTS.**—At a minimum, the application shall include information specifying—

“(A)(i) the number of undergraduate and, if applicable, graduate service-learning courses offered at such institution for the most recent full academic year preceding the fiscal year for which designation is sought; and

“(ii) the number and percentage of undergraduate students and, if applicable, the number and percentage of graduate students at such institution who were enrolled in the corresponding courses described in clause (i), for that preceding academic year;

“(B) the percentage of undergraduate students engaging in and, if applicable, the percentage of graduate students engaging in activities providing community services, as defined in section 441(c) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 2751(c)), during that preceding academic year, the quality of such activities, and the average amount of time spent, per student, engaged in such activities;

“(C) for that preceding academic year, the percentage of Federal work-study funds made available to the institution under part C of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.) that is used to compensate students employed in providing community services, as so defined, and a description of the efforts the institution undertakes to make available to students opportunities to provide such community services and be compensated through such work-study funds;

“(D) at the discretion of the institution, information demonstrating the degree to which recent graduates of the institution, and all graduates of the institution, have obtained full-time public service employment in the nonprofit sector or government, with a private nonprofit organization or a Federal, State, or local public agency; and

“(E) any programs the institution has in place to encourage or assist graduates of the institution to pursue careers in public service in the nonprofit sector or government.

“(c) **NOMINATIONS AND DESIGNATION.**—

“(1) **NOMINATION.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—A State Commission that receives applications from institutions of higher education under subsection (b) may nominate, for designation under subsection (a), not more than 3 such institutions of higher education, consisting of—

“(i) not more than one 4-year public institution of higher education;

“(ii) not more than one 4-year private institution of higher education; and

“(iii) not more than one 2-year institution of higher education.

“(B) **SUBMISSION.**—The State Commission shall submit to the Corporation the name and application of each institution nominated by the State Commission under subparagraph (A).

“(2) **DESIGNATION.**—The Corporation shall designate, under subsection (a), not more than 30 institutions of higher education from among the institutions nominated under paragraph (1). In making the designations, the Corporation shall, if feasible, designate various types of institutions, including institutions from each of the categories of institutions described in clauses (i), (ii), and (iii) of paragraph 1(A).

“(d) **FUNDS.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Using sums appropriated under section 501(a)(1)(D), the Corporation shall provide funds to institutions designated under subsection (c), to be used by the institutions to implement strategies to encourage or assist students from those institutions to pursue careers in public service in the nonprofit sector or government.

“(2) **PLAN.**—To be eligible to receive funds under this subsection, an institution designated under subsection (c) shall submit a

plan to the Corporation describing how the institution intends to use the funds to encourage or assist those students to pursue those careers.

“(3) **ALLOCATION.**—The Corporation shall determine how the funds appropriated under section 501(a)(1)(D) for a fiscal year will be allocated among the institutions submitting acceptable plans under paragraph (2). In determining the amount of funds to be allocated to such an institution, the Corporation shall consider the number of students at the institution, the quality and scope of the plan submitted by the institution under paragraph (2), and the institution’s current (as of the date of submission of the plan) strategies to encourage or assist students to pursue public service careers in the nonprofit sector or government.

“(e) **ADDITIONAL SERVE AMERICA FELLOWSHIPS.**—An institution designated as a Campus of Service may nominate additional individuals (relative to the number that other institutions may nominate) for ServeAmerica Fellowships under section 198E.”

(d) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—Section 501(a)(1) of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12681(a)(1)), as amended by section 111(d), is further amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “subpart B of part I” and inserting “subpart B of part I and part III”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(D) **PART III.**—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out part III of subtitle B of title I \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2009 through 2013.”

SEC. 113. SERVICE-LEARNING IMPACT STUDY.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Subtitle B of title I of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12521 et seq.), as amended by section 112(c), is further amended by adding at the end the following:

“PART IV—SERVICE-LEARNING IMPACT STUDY

“SEC. 119F. STUDY AND REPORT.

“(a) **STUDY.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Corporation shall enter into a contract with an entity that is not otherwise a recipient of financial assistance under this subtitle, to conduct a 10-year longitudinal study on the impact of the activities carried out under this subtitle.

“(2) **CONTENTS.**—In conducting the study, the entity shall consider the impact of service-learning activities carried out under this subtitle on students participating in such activities, including in particular examining the degree to which the activities—

“(A) improved student academic achievement;

“(B) improved student engagement;

“(C) improved graduation rates; and

“(D) improved the degree to which the participants in the activities engaged in subsequent national service, volunteering, or other service activities.

“(3) **ANALYSIS.**—In carrying out such study, the entity shall examine the impact of the service-learning activities on the 4 factors described in subparagraphs (A) through (D) of paragraph (2), analyzed in terms of how much time participants were engaged in service-learning activities.

“(4) **BEST PRACTICES.**—The entity shall collect information on best practices concerning using service-learning activities to improve the 4 factors.

“(b) **REPORT.**—The entity shall submit a report to the Corporation containing the results of the study and the information on best practices. The Corporation shall submit such report to the Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate.

“(c) CONSULTATION AND DISSEMINATION.—On receiving the report, the Corporation shall consult with the Secretary of Education to review the results of the study, and to identify best practices concerning using service-learning activities to improve the 4 factors described in subparagraphs (A) through (D) of subsection (a)(2). The Corporation shall disseminate information on the identified best practices.”.

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 501(a)(1) of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12681(a)(1)), as amended by section 112(d), is further amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “subpart B of part I and part III” and inserting “subpart B of part I, and parts III and IV”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(D) PART IV.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out part IV of subtitle B of title I such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2009 through 2013.”.

Subtitle B—Supporting Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship

SEC. 121. INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Title I of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12511 et seq.) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subtitles F through I as subtitles H through K; and

(2) by inserting after subtitle E the following:

“Subtitle F—Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship

“PART I—COMMISSION ON CROSS SECTOR SOLUTIONS

“SEC. 167. COMMISSION.

“(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:

“(1) Nonprofit organizations play a significant role in addressing national and local challenges that impact economically disadvantaged individuals.

“(2) Innovative nonprofit organizations often serve as a research and development engine for the social service sector, identifying effective solutions to national and local challenges.

“(3) Despite the important role effective nonprofit organizations play in addressing national and local challenges, such organizations face administrative and efficiency barriers in maximizing their work with businesses and the government, and limited resources are available to help such organizations increase their capacity to deliver services more effectively, efficiently, on a larger scale, and with greater accountability.

“(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section are—

“(1) to examine and recommend ways in which the Federal Government can interact more efficiently and effectively with nonprofit organizations, philanthropic organizations, and business to achieve better outcomes with regard to addressing national and local challenges, accountability, and utilization of resources;

“(2) to provide advice to the President and Congress regarding new, more effective ways for the Federal Government to address national and local challenges in partnership with the nonprofit sector; and

“(3) to support research that will advance the impact and effectiveness of the nonprofit sector and the way that the Federal Government interacts with such sector.

“(c) ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION.—

“(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a commission to be known as the Commission on Cross-Sector Solutions to America's Problems (in this section referred to as the ‘Commission’).

“(2) MEMBERSHIP.—

“(A) COMPOSITION.—The Commission shall be composed of 21 members, of whom—

“(i) 9 shall be appointed by the President;

“(ii) 3 shall be appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

“(iii) 3 shall be appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

“(iv) 3 shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

“(v) 3 shall be appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives.

“(B) QUALIFICATIONS OF PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTEES.—

“(i) EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE.—Subject to subparagraph (D)(ii), the Commission shall include members appointed under subparagraph (A)(i) who, to the extent practicable, collectively have extensive experience or are experts in—

“(I) social entrepreneurship and social enterprise;

“(II) the management and operation of small nonprofit organizations and large nonprofit organizations;

“(III) business, including a business with experience working with a startup enterprise and a business with experience working with the nonprofit sector;

“(IV) philanthropy, including the specific philanthropic challenges in urban and rural areas and in areas that are philanthropically underserved;

“(V) volunteering, including effective volunteer management; and

“(VI) qualitative and quantitative social science research.

“(ii) OTHER QUALIFICATIONS.—The Commission shall include, among the members appointed under subparagraph (A)(i), a wide range of individuals, including young people, and individuals from diverse economic, racial, ethnic, and religious backgrounds, and individuals from diverse geographic areas.

“(C) QUALIFICATIONS OF CONGRESSIONAL APPOINTEES.—

“(i) EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE.—Subject to subparagraph (D)(ii), the Commission shall include members appointed under clauses (ii) through (v) of subparagraph (A) who, to the extent practicable, collectively have extensive experience or are experts in the matters described in subparagraph (B)(i).

“(ii) OTHER QUALIFICATIONS.—The Commission shall include, among the members appointed under clauses (ii) through (v) of subparagraph (A), a wide range of individuals with the qualifications described in subparagraph (B)(ii).

“(D) LIMITATIONS.—

“(i) CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON.—The President shall select a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson, who may not be members of the same political party, from among the members of the Commission appointed under subparagraph (A).

“(ii) GENERAL MEMBERSHIP.—Members appointed under subparagraph (A) shall include not more than 11 members who are members of the same political party.

“(E) EX OFFICIO MEMBERS.—Heads of Federal agencies, appointed to the Commission by the President, whose work concerns the nonprofit sector shall serve as ex officio nonvoting members of the Commission.

“(F) DATE.—The appointments of the members of the Commission shall be made not later than May 31, 2009.

“(3) PERIOD OF APPOINTMENT.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Members appointed under paragraph (2)(A) shall be appointed for terms of 2 years.

“(B) EXCEPTION.—The appointing officer—

“(i) under paragraph (2)(A)(i) shall designate 4 of the initial members appointed under that paragraph to serve terms of 3 years;

“(ii) under paragraph (2)(A)(ii) shall designate 2 of the initial members appointed

under that paragraph to serve terms of 3 years;

“(iii) under paragraph (2)(A)(iii) shall designate 1 of the initial members appointed under that paragraph to serve terms of 3 years;

“(iv) under paragraph (2)(A)(iv) shall designate 1 of the initial members appointed under that paragraph to serve terms of 3 years; and

“(v) under paragraph (2)(A)(v) shall designate 2 of the initial members appointed under that paragraph to serve terms of 3 years.

“(4) VACANCIES.—Any vacancy in the Commission shall not affect its powers, but shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

“(5) INITIAL MEETING.—Not later than 30 days after the date on which all voting members of the Commission have been appointed, the Commission shall hold its first meeting.

“(6) MEETINGS.—The Commission shall meet at the call of the Chairperson, not less than 3 times a year.

“(7) QUORUM.—A majority of the voting members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum, but a lesser number of voting members may hold hearings.

“(d) DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION.—

“(1) STUDY.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall conduct a thorough study of all matters relating to ways in which the Federal Government can work more efficiently and effectively with nonprofit organizations and philanthropic organizations to assist the organizations described in this subparagraph, and the Federal Government, in achieving better outcomes with regard to addressing pressing national and local challenges, and improving accountability and utilization of resources, and relating to assisting the Federal Government, such organizations, and business in improving their collaboration to achieve such outcomes.

“(B) MATTERS STUDIED.—The matters studied by the Commission shall include—

“(i) ways in which the Federal Government interacts with nonprofit organizations, philanthropic organizations, and business to address national and local challenges;

“(ii) ways in which businesses collaborate with nonprofit organizations and philanthropic organizations, and any barriers to maximizing the effectiveness of those collaborations in addressing national and local challenges;

“(iii) public and nonprofit sector human capital challenges, including specific upcoming human capital needs facing the nonprofit sector and such needs facing the government sector, the causes of needs described in this clause, and ways in which nonprofit organizations and governments can address the challenges jointly;

“(iv) ways in which government policies could be improved to foster nonprofit organization accountability;

“(v) systems for streamlining the process for nonprofit organizations to obtain Federal grants and contracts, and eliminating unnecessary requirements relating to that process;

“(vi) barriers for smaller nonprofit organizations to participate in Federal Government programs;

“(vii) the degree to which, and ways in which, social entrepreneurs are identifying innovative ways of addressing national and local challenges;

“(viii) ways in which the Federal Government can help build the capacity of effective social entrepreneurs and effective nonprofit organizations, including the capacity of the entrepreneurs and organizations to replicate programs that provide effective ways of addressing national and local challenges;

“(ix) ways in which the Federal Government supports social service sector research and development, whether there is a need to increase such support, and, if so, how such support may be increased;

“(x) ways in which the Federal Government can partner with nonprofit organizations after an emergency or disaster to address the needs of the community involved; and

“(xi) ways in which the Federal Government can make more data available about the nonprofit sector, as the Federal Government does for the business and government sectors.

“(2) GRANTS.—The Commission shall provide advice to the President and Congress regarding the establishment of grants to build the capacity of the nonprofit sector, to support research on the sector, and to model innovative effective ways for the Federal Government to address national and local challenges by supporting social entrepreneurship and enabling nonprofit organizations to replicate and expand effective solutions to national and local challenges.

“(3) ADVICE TO THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS.—The Commission shall advise the President and Congress on matters concerning the nonprofit sector and social entrepreneurship.

“(4) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after the first meeting of the Commission, the Commission shall submit a report to Congress, which shall contain a detailed statement of the findings of the Commission resulting from the study described in paragraph (1), and the advice provided under paragraphs (2) and (3). The report shall contain recommendations resulting from the study.

“(5) ADVICE ON IMPLEMENTATION.—At the request of Congress or the head of any Federal department or agency, the Commission shall provide advice on the implementation of any of the recommendations contained in the report.

“(e) POWERS OF THE COMMISSION.—

“(1) HEARINGS.—The Commission may hold such hearings, sit and act at such times and places, take such testimony, and receive such evidence as the Commission considers advisable to carry out this section.

“(2) INFORMATION FROM FEDERAL AGENCIES.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Commission may secure directly from any Federal agency such information as the Commission considers necessary to carry out this Act.

“(B) AGENCY COOPERATION.—Upon request of the Chairperson of the Commission, the head of any Federal agency shall furnish information requested under this paragraph to the Commission.

“(3) POSTAL SERVICES.—The Commission may use the United States mails in the same manner and under the same conditions as other agencies of the Federal Government.

“(4) GIFTS.—The Commission may accept, use, and dispose of gifts or donations of services or property.

“(f) COMMISSION PERSONNEL MATTERS.—

“(1) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—The members of the Commission shall serve without compensation for their work on the Commission. Notwithstanding section 1342 of title 31, United States Code, the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation may accept the voluntary and uncompensated services of members of the Commission. The members of the Commission shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, at rates authorized for employees of agencies under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code, while away from their homes or regular places of business in the performance of services for the commission.

“(2) STAFF.—Any Corporation for National and Community Service employee may be detailed to the Commission without reimbursement, and such detail shall be without interruption or loss of civil service status or privilege.

“(g) TERMINATION OF THE COMMISSION.—The Commission shall terminate in 6 years.

“(h) AVAILABILITY.—Any sums appropriated to carry out this section shall remain available, without fiscal year limitation, until expended.

“PART II—COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS FUNDS PILOT PROGRAM

“SEC. 167A. FUNDS.

“(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

“(1) Social entrepreneurs and other nonprofit community organizations are developing innovative and effective solutions to national and local challenges.

“(2) Increased public and private investment in replicating and expanding proven effective solutions developed by social entrepreneurs and other nonprofit community organizations, could allow those entrepreneurs and organizations to replicate and expand proven initiatives in communities.

“(3) A network of Community Solutions Funds could leverage Federal investments to increase State, local, business, and philanthropic resources to replicate and expand proven solutions to tackle specific identified community challenges.

“(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section are—

“(1) to recognize and increase the impact of social entrepreneurs and other nonprofit community organizations in tackling national and local challenges;

“(2) to stimulate the development of a network of Community Solutions Funds that will increase private and public investment in nonprofit community organizations that are effectively addressing national and local challenges to allow such organizations to replicate and expand successful initiatives;

“(3) to assess the effectiveness of such Funds in—

“(A) leveraging Federal investments to increase State, local, business, and philanthropic resources to address national and local challenges; and

“(B) providing resources to replicate and expand effective initiatives; and

“(4) to strengthen the infrastructure to invest in, and replicate and expand, initiatives with effective solutions to national and local challenges.

“(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION.—The term ‘community organization’ means a nonprofit organization that carries out innovative, effective initiatives to address community challenges.

“(2) COVERED ENTITY.—The term ‘covered entity’ means—

“(A) an existing grantmaking institution (existing as of the date on which the institution applies for a grant under this section); or

“(B) a partnership between—

“(i) such an existing grantmaking institution; and

“(ii) an additional grantmaking institution, a State Commission, or a chief executive officer of a unit of general local government.

“(3) ISSUE AREA.—The term ‘issue area’ means an area described in subsection (f)(3).

“(d) PROGRAM.—The Corporation shall establish a Community Solutions Fund grant program to make grants on a competitive basis to eligible entities to assist the entities in paying for the cost of providing national leveraging capital for Community Solution Funds.

“(e) PERIODS; AMOUNTS.—The Corporation shall make such grants for periods of 5 years, and may renew the grants for additional periods of 5 years, in amounts of not less than \$1,000,000 and not more than \$10,000,000 per year.

“(f) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, an entity shall—

“(1) be a covered entity;

“(2) be focused on—

“(A) serving a specific local geographical area; or

“(B) addressing a specific issue area, in geographical areas that have the highest need in that issue area, as demonstrated by statistics concerning that need;

“(3) be focused on improving measurable outcomes relating to—

“(A) education for economically disadvantaged students in public schools;

“(B) child and youth development;

“(C) reductions in poverty or increases in economic opportunity for economically disadvantaged individuals;

“(D) health, including access to health care and health education;

“(E) resource conservation and local environmental quality;

“(F) individual or community energy efficiency;

“(G) civic engagement; or

“(H) reductions in crime;

“(4) make data-driven decisions about subgrant awards and internal policies;

“(5) have well-articulated processes for assessing community organizations for subgrants; and

“(6) have appropriate policies, as determined by the Corporation, that protect against conflict of interest, self-dealing, and other improper practices.

“(g) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant under subsection (d) for national leveraging capital, an eligible entity shall submit an application to the Corporation at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Corporation may specify, including, at a minimum—

“(1) an assurance that the eligible entity will—

“(A) use the funds received through that capital in order to make subgrants to community organizations that will use the funds to replicate or expand proven initiatives in low-income communities;

“(B) in making decisions about subgrants for communities, consult with a diverse cross section of community representatives in the decisions, including individuals from the public, nonprofit private, and for-profit private sectors; and

“(C) make subgrants of a sufficient size and scope to enable the community organizations to build their capacity to manage initiatives, and sustain replication or expansion of the initiatives;

“(2) an assurance that the eligible entity will not make any subgrants to the parent organizations of the eligible entity, a subsidiary organization of the parent organization, or, if the eligible entity applied for funds under this section as a partnership, any member of the partnership;

“(3) an identification of, as appropriate—

“(A) the specific local geographical area referred to in subsection (f)(2)(A) that the eligible entity is proposing to serve; or

“(B) geographical areas referred to in subsection (f)(2)(B) that the eligible entity is likely to serve;

“(4)(A) information identifying the issue areas in which the eligible entity will work to improve measurable outcomes;

“(B) statistics on the needs related to those issue areas in, as appropriate—

“(i) the specific local geographical area described in paragraph (3)(A); or

“(ii) the geographical areas described in paragraph (3)(B), including statistics demonstrating that those geographical areas have the highest need in the specific issue area that the eligible entity is proposing to address; and

“(C) information on the specific measurable outcomes related to the issue areas involved that the eligible entity will seek to improve;

“(5) information describing the process by which the eligible entity selected, or will select, community organizations to receive the subgrants, to ensure that the community organizations—

“(A) are institutions with proven initiatives, with track records of achieving specific outcomes related to the measurable outcomes for the eligible entity;

“(B) articulate measurable outcomes for the use of the subgrant funds that are connected to the measurable outcomes for the eligible entity;

“(C) will use the funds to replicate or expand their initiatives;

“(D) provide a well-defined plan for replicating or expanding the initiatives funded;

“(E) can sustain the initiatives after the subgrant period concludes through reliable public revenues, earned income, or private sector funding;

“(F) have strong leadership and financial and management systems;

“(G) are committed to the use of data collection and evaluation for improvement of the initiatives;

“(H) will implement and evaluate innovative initiatives, to be important contributors to knowledge in their fields; and

“(I) will meet the requirements for providing matching funds specified in subsection (k);

“(6) information about the eligible entity, including its experience managing collaborative initiatives, or assessing applicants for grants and evaluating the performance of grant recipients for outcome-focused initiatives, and any other relevant information;

“(7) a commitment to meet the requirements of subsection (i) and a plan for meeting the requirements, including information on any funding that the eligible entity has secured to provide the matching funds required under that subsection;

“(8) a description of the eligible entity's plan for providing technical assistance and support, other than financial support, to the community organizations that will increase the ability of the community organizations to achieve their measurable outcomes;

“(9) information on the commitment, institutional capacity, and expertise of the eligible entity concerning—

“(A) collecting and analyzing data required for evaluations, compliance efforts, and other purposes;

“(B) supporting relevant research; and

“(C) submitting regular reports to the Corporation, including information on the initiatives of the community organizations, and the replication or expansion of such initiatives; and

“(10) a commitment to use data and evaluations to continuously improve the initiatives funded by the eligible entity.

“(h) **SELECTION CRITERIA.**—In selecting eligible entities to receive grants under this section, the Corporation shall—

“(1) select eligible entities on a competitive basis;

“(2) select eligible entities on the basis of the quality of their selection process, as described in subsection (g)(5), the capacity of the eligible entities to manage Community Solutions Funds, and the potential of the eligible entities to sustain the Funds after the conclusion of the grant period; and

“(3) include among the grant recipients eligible entities that propose to provide subgrants to community organizations serving rural low-income communities.

“(i) **MATCHING FUNDS FOR GRANTS.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Corporation may not make a grant to an eligible entity under this section for a Community Solutions Fund unless the entity agrees that, with respect to the cost described in subsection (d) for that Fund, the entity will make available matching funds in an amount not less than \$1 for every \$1 of funds provided under the grant.

“(2) **NON-FEDERAL SHARE.**—

“(A) **TYPE AND SOURCES.**—The eligible entity shall provide the matching funds in cash. The eligible entity shall provide the matching funds from State, local, or private sources, which may include State or local agencies, businesses, private philanthropic organizations, or individuals.

“(B) **ELIGIBLE ENTITIES INCLUDING STATE COMMISSIONS OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES.**—

“(i) **IN GENERAL.**—In a case in which a State Commission, a local government office, or both entities are a part of the eligible entity, the State involved, the local government involved, or both entities, respectively, shall contribute not less than 30 percent and not more than 50 percent of the matching funds.

“(ii) **LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICE.**—In this subparagraph, the term ‘local government office’ means the office of the chief executive officer of a unit of general local government.

“(3) **REDUCTION.**—The Corporation may reduce by 50 percent the matching funds required by paragraph (1) for an eligible entity serving a community (such as a rural low-income community) that the eligible entity can demonstrate is significantly philanthropically underserved.

“(j) **SUBGRANTS.**—

“(1) **SUBGRANTS AUTHORIZED.**—An eligible entity receiving a grant under this section is authorized to use the funds made available through the grant to award subgrants on a competitive basis to—

“(A) community organizations serving low-income communities within the specific local geographical area referred to in subsection (f)(2)(A); or

“(B) community organizations addressing a specific issue area referred to in subsection (f)(2)(B), in low-income communities in geographical areas referred to in that subsection.

“(2) **PERIODS; AMOUNTS.**—The eligible entity shall make such subgrants for periods of not less than 3 and not more than 5 years, and may renew the grants for such periods, in amounts of not less than \$100,000.

“(3) **APPLICATIONS.**—To be eligible to receive a subgrant from an eligible entity under this section, including receiving a payment for that subgrant each year, a community organization shall submit an application to an eligible entity that serves the specific local geographical area, or geographical areas, that the community organization proposes to serve, at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the eligible entity may require, including—

“(A) a description of the initiative the community organization carries out and plans to replicate or expand using funds received from the eligible entity, and how the initiative relates to the issue areas identified under subsection (g)(4)(A) in which the eligible entity has committed to work;

“(B) data on the measurable outcomes the community organization has improved, and information on the measurable outcomes the community organization seeks to improve by replicating or expanding an initiative, which shall be among the measurable outcomes the

eligible entity is seeking to improve as identified under subsection (g)(4)(C);

“(C) an identification of the community in which the community organization proposes to carry out an initiative, which shall be within the specific local geographical area referred to in subsection (f)(2)(A) or the geographical areas referred to in subsection (f)(2)(B), that the eligible entity serves;

“(D) a description of how the community organization uses data to analyze and improve its initiatives;

“(E) specific evidence of how the community organization will meet the requirements for providing matching funds specified in subsection (k);

“(F) a description of how the community organization will sustain the replicated or expanded initiative after the conclusion of the subgrant period; and

“(G) any other information the eligible entity may require, including information necessary for the eligible entity to fulfill its obligations under subsection (g)(5).

“(k) **MATCHING FUNDS FOR SUBGRANTS.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—An eligible entity may not make a subgrant to a community organization under this section for an initiative described in subsection (j)(3)(A) unless the organization agrees that, with respect to the cost of carrying out that initiative, the organization will make available, on an annual basis, matching funds in an amount not less than \$1 for every \$1 of funds provided under the subgrant. If the community organization fails to make such matching funds available for a fiscal year, the eligible entity shall not make payments for the remaining fiscal years of the subgrant period, notwithstanding any other provision of this part.

“(2) **TYPES AND SOURCES.**—The community organization shall provide the matching funds in cash. The community organization shall provide the matching funds from State, local, or private sources, which may include funds from State or local agencies, or private sector funding.

“(l) **NATIONAL FUNCTIONS.**—

“(1) **CORPORATION.**—The Corporation shall enter into a contract with an independent entity (referred to in this subsection as a ‘national contractor’) to evaluate the eligible entities, and the initiatives supported by the eligible entities.

“(2) **NATIONAL CONTRACTOR.**—

“(A) **RESEARCH AND REPORTS.**—

“(i) **IN GENERAL.**—The national contractor shall collect data and conduct or support research with respect to the eligible entities, and the initiatives supported by the eligible entities, to determine the success of the program carried out under this section in replicating and expanding initiatives, including—

“(I) the success of the replicated or expanded initiatives in improving measurable outcomes; and

“(II) the success of the program in increasing philanthropic investments in philanthropically underserved communities.

“(ii) **REPORTS.**—The national contractor shall submit reports to Congress and the Corporation including—

“(I) the data collected and the results of the research;

“(II) information on lessons learned about best practices from the activities carried out under this section, to improve those activities; and

“(III) a list of all eligible entities and community organizations receiving funds under this section.

“(B) **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.**—The national contractor shall provide technical assistance to the eligible entities that receive grants under this section.

“(C) KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT.—The national contractor shall maintain a clearinghouse for information on best practices resulting from initiatives supported by the eligible entities.

“(D) RESERVATION.—Of the funds appropriated under section 501(a)(5)(B) for a fiscal year, not more than 5 percent may be used to carry out this subsection.

“PART III—INNOVATION FELLOWSHIPS PILOT PROGRAM

“SEC. 167B. PROGRAM.

“(a) GRANTS.—The Corporation shall make grants, on a competitive basis, to individuals to pay for the Federal share of carrying out projects in which the individuals establish innovative nonprofit organizations to address national and local challenges.

“(b) AMOUNTS, PERIODS, AND NUMBER OF GRANTS.—The Corporation shall make the grants for periods of 2 years. The Corporation shall make the grants in amounts of not more than \$100,000. The Corporation shall make not more than 25 grants under subsection (a) in a fiscal year.

“(c) PAYMENTS.—The Corporation shall make the grant awards through annual payments, for the 2 years of the grant periods.

“(d) ELIGIBLE APPLICANT.—To be eligible to apply for a grant under this section, an individual shall—

“(1) have completed at least 1 term or period of service as a participant in a national service program under subtitle C or G, as a participant in a program under subtitle E or section 198E, or as a volunteer in a program under part A of title I of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4951 et seq.); or

“(2) be a veteran, as defined in section 101 of title 38, United States Code.

“(e) INITIAL APPLICATION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, and a payment for the first year of the grant period, an individual shall submit an application to the Corporation at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Corporation may require.

“(2) CONTENTS.—At a minimum, the application shall include—

“(A) a description of the national or local challenge that the individual seeks to address through the project involved;

“(B) a description of the project the individual is proposing or the organization the individual is proposing to establish through the project, including information describing why the individual's proposal to address the challenge is innovative;

“(C) information describing how the individual proposes to address the challenge at the community level; and

“(D) information describing the location of the project and the community the individual proposes to serve through the project, including relevant data about the challenge in that community.

“(f) SUBSEQUENT APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a payment for the second year of the grant period, the individual shall submit to the Corporation—

“(1) a report on the actions taken by the individual, and, if applicable, the nonprofit organization established using funds provided under this section, to carry out the project; and

“(2) information describing how the individual will comply with the non-Federal share requirement described in subsection (g) for the second year of the grant period.

“(g) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Federal share of the cost of carrying out a project under this section shall be—

“(A) 100 percent for the first year of the grant period; and

“(B) 50 percent for the second year of the grant period.

“(2) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—The individual may provide the non-Federal share of the cost in cash or in kind, fairly evaluated, including plant, equipment, or services. The individual may provide the non-Federal share from State, local, or private sources.

“(h) CONSIDERATION.—In reviewing applications, the Corporation shall take into consideration the likelihood that a project proposed to serve a community, if successful, will be replicable in other communities.

“(i) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Corporation may reserve 15 percent of the funds appropriated to carry out this section to provide technical assistance to individuals and nonprofit organizations carrying out projects under this section.”.

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 501(a) of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12681(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(5) SUBTITLE F.—There are authorized to be appropriated—

“(A) to carry out section 167, such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2009 through 2013;

“(B) to carry out section 167A, \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2009, \$60,000,000 for fiscal year 2010, \$70,000,000 for fiscal year 2011, \$80,000,000 for fiscal year 2012, and \$100,000,000 for fiscal year 2013, and such sums as may be necessary for each subsequent fiscal year; and

“(C) to carry out section 167B, \$3,500,000 for fiscal year 2009, and \$5,000,000 for each subsequent fiscal year.”.

Subtitle C—ServeAmerica Corps

SEC. 131. CORPS.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

(1) Since 1993, over 500,000 individuals have served in national service positions, meeting unmet human, educational, environmental, and public safety needs of the United States.

(2) Full- and part-time national service can effectively promote an ethic of service and volunteering, and former national service participants are likely to remain engaged in national service, and participate in community and public service.

(3) Focused national service efforts can effectively tackle pressing national challenges, such as improving education for low-income students, increasing energy conservation, and improving the health, well-being, and economic opportunities of the neediest individuals in the Nation.

(4) An increasing number of individuals in the United States who are retiring or age 50 or older indicate an interest in service, with almost 60 percent of such individuals indicating that they would consider taking jobs now or in the future to serve their communities.

(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section are—

(1) to provide opportunities by 2013 for 250,000 individuals annually to participate in a year of service, by providing funding for an additional 175,000 individuals (in addition to the 75,000 individuals already participating) each year to so participate, and to continue growing national service in the future;

(2) to focus national service in the areas of national need such service has the capacity to address, such as improving education for low-income students, increasing energy conservation, improving access to health care for, and the health status of, individuals in medically underserved populations, and creating new economic opportunities for low-income individuals; and

(3) to encourage “encore service” and draw on the talents and experience of individuals age 50 and older, by providing better opportunities and incentives for individuals of that age to serve.

(c) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—Title I of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12511 et seq.), as amended by section 121, is further amended by inserting after subtitle F the following:

“Subtitle G—ServeAmerica Corps

“SEC. 168. CORPS.

“(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) 21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER.—The term ‘21st century community learning center’ has the meaning given the term ‘community learning center’, as defined in section 4201 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7171).

“(2) CLEAN ENERGY SERVICE CORPS.—The term ‘Clean Energy Service Corps’ means the participants who improve performance on clean energy indicators through the grants funded under subsection (c)(3).

“(3) CLEAN ENERGY SERVICE CORPS FUND.—The term ‘Clean Energy Service Corps Fund’ means the Clean Energy Service Corps Fund established under subsection (b)(3).

“(4) CLEAN ENERGY INDICATORS.—The term ‘clean energy indicators’ means—

“(A) number of housing units of low-income households weatherized or retrofitted to improve energy efficiency;

“(B) annual energy costs (to determine savings in those costs) at facilities where participants have provided service;

“(C) number of national parks, State parks, city parks, county parks, forest preserves, or trails or rivers owned or maintained by the Federal Government or a State, that are cleaned or improved;

“(D) another indicator relating to clean energy that the Corporation, in consultation with the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Secretary of Energy, establishes for a given year; and

“(E) a local indicator (applicable to a particular eligible entity and on which an improvement in performance is needed) relating to clean energy, proposed by that eligible entity in an application submitted to, and approved by, a State Commission or the Corporation under this section.

“(5) COLLEGE-GOING RATE.—The term ‘college-going rate’ means the percentage of high school graduates who enroll in an institution of higher education in the school year immediately following graduation from high school.

“(6) EDUCATION CORPS.—The term ‘Education Corps’ means the participants who improve performance on education indicators through the grants funded under subsection (c)(1).

“(7) EDUCATION CORPS FUND.—The term ‘Education Corps Fund’ means the Education Corps Fund established under subsection (b)(1).

“(8) EDUCATION INDICATORS.—The term ‘education indicators’ means—

“(A) student engagement, including student attendance and student behavior;

“(B) student academic achievement;

“(C) high school graduation rates;

“(D) college-going rates for high school graduates;

“(E) college persistence rates for high school graduates;

“(F) an additional indicator relating to improving education for students that the Corporation, in consultation with the Secretary of Education, establishes for a given year; and

“(G) a local indicator (applicable to a particular eligible entity and on which an improvement in performance is needed) relating to improving education for students, proposed by that eligible entity in an application submitted to, and approved by, a State Commission or the Corporation under this section.

“(9) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible entity’ means an entity that—

“(A) is a nonprofit organization with a proven record of improving, or a promising strategy to improve, performance on appropriate indicators described in this subsection;

“(B) meets the eligibility requirements to receive a grant under subtitle C; and

“(C) if the entity is seeking to receive (or has received) a grant directly under subsection (c), is seeking to carry out (or is carrying out) a national service program in 2 or more States.

“(10) ENCORE SERVICE PROGRAM.—The term ‘encore service program’ means a program, carried out by an eligible entity under subsection (c), that—

“(A) involves a significant number of participants age 50 or older in the program; and

“(B) takes advantage of the skills and experience that such participants offer in the design and implementation of the program.

“(11) HEALTHY FUTURES CORPS.—The term ‘Healthy Futures Corps’ means the participants who improve performance on health indicators through the grants funded under subsection (c)(2).

“(12) HEALTHY FUTURES CORPS FUND.—The term ‘Healthy Futures Corps Fund’ means the Healthy Futures Corps Fund established under subsection (b)(2).

“(13) HEALTH INDICATORS.—The term ‘health indicators’ means—

“(A) access to health care among economically disadvantaged individuals and individuals who are members of medically underserved populations;

“(B) access to health care for uninsured individuals, including such individuals who are economically disadvantaged children;

“(C) participation, among economically disadvantaged individuals and individuals who are members of medically underserved populations, in disease prevention and health promotion initiatives, particularly those with a focus on addressing common health conditions, addressing chronic diseases, and decreasing health disparities;

“(D) health literacy of patients;

“(E) an additional indicator, relating to improving or protecting the health of economically disadvantaged individuals and individuals who are members of medically underserved populations, that the Corporation, in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, establishes for a given year; and

“(F) a local indicator (applicable to a particular eligible entity and on which an improvement in performance is needed) relating to improving or protecting the health of economically disadvantaged individuals and individuals who are members of medically underserved populations, proposed by that eligible entity in an application submitted to, and approved by, a State Commission or the Corporation under this section.

“(14) HIGH SCHOOL.—The term ‘high school’ means a public school, including a public high school, that provides high school education, as determined by State law.

“(15) MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED AREA.—The term ‘medically underserved area’ means an urban or rural area designated by the Secretary of Health and Human Services as an area with a shortage of personal health services.

“(16) MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED POPULATION.—The term ‘medically underserved population’ has the meaning given the term in section 330(b)(3) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b(b)(3)).

“(17) OPPORTUNITY CORPS.—The term ‘Opportunity Corps’ means the participants who improve performance on opportunity indica-

tors through the grants funded under subsection (c)(4).

“(18) OPPORTUNITY CORPS FUND.—The term ‘Opportunity Corps Fund’ means the Opportunity Corps Fund established under subsection (b)(4).

“(19) OPPORTUNITY INDICATORS.—The term ‘opportunity indicators’ means—

“(A) financial literacy among economically disadvantaged individuals;

“(B) housing units built or improved for economically disadvantaged individuals or low-income families;

“(C) economically disadvantaged individuals with access to job training and other skill enhancement;

“(D) economically disadvantaged individuals with access to information about job placement services;

“(E) an additional indicator relating to improving economic opportunity for economically disadvantaged individuals that the Corporation, in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Secretary of Labor, establishes for a given year; and

“(F) a local indicator (applicable to a particular eligible entity and on which an improvement in performance is needed) relating to improving economic opportunity for economically disadvantaged individuals, proposed by that eligible entity in an application submitted to, and approved by, a State Commission or the Corporation under this section.

“(20) POVERTY LINE.—The term ‘poverty line’ has the meaning given the term in section 673 of the Community Services Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9902).

“(21) STUDENT.—The term ‘student’ means a public elementary school or public secondary school student.

“(b) FUNDS AND AVAILABILITY.—

“(1) EDUCATION CORPS FUND.—The Corporation shall establish an account to be known as the Education Corps Fund.

“(2) HEALTHY FUTURES CORPS FUND.—The Corporation shall establish an account to be known as the Healthy Futures Corps Fund.

“(3) CLEAN ENERGY SERVICE CORPS FUND.—The Corporation shall establish an account to be known as the Clean Energy Service Corps Fund.

“(4) OPPORTUNITY CORPS FUND.—The Corporation shall establish an account to be known as the Opportunity Corps Fund.

“(c) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—

“(1) EDUCATION CORPS.—

“(A) GRANTS.—The Corporation may use the amounts made available for the Education Corps Fund to make grants under this paragraph to State Commissions and eligible entities, as described in paragraph (5).

“(B) PROGRAMS.—The Corporation shall make the grants to pay for the Federal share of the cost of carrying out full- or part-time national service programs that are consistent with subtitle C and that improve performance on education indicators, through the service of the participants in the programs.

“(2) HEALTHY FUTURES CORPS.—

“(A) GRANTS.—The Corporation may use the amounts made available for the Healthy Futures Corps Fund to make grants under this paragraph to State Commissions and eligible entities, as described in paragraph (5).

“(B) PROGRAMS.—The Corporation shall make the grants to pay for the Federal share of the cost of carrying out full- or part-time national service programs that are consistent with subtitle C and that improve performance on health indicators, through the service of the participants in the programs.

“(3) CLEAN ENERGY SERVICE CORPS.—

“(A) GRANTS.—The Corporation may use the amounts made available for the Clean Energy Service Corps Fund to make grants

under this paragraph to State Commissions and eligible entities, as described in paragraph (5).

“(B) PROGRAMS.—The Corporation shall make the grants to pay for the Federal share of the cost of carrying out full- or part-time national service programs that are consistent with subtitle C and that improve performance on clean energy indicators, through the service of the participants in the programs.

“(4) OPPORTUNITY CORPS.—

“(A) GRANTS.—The Corporation may use the amounts made available for the Opportunity Corps Fund to make grants under this paragraph to State Commissions and eligible entities, as described in paragraph (5).

“(B) PROGRAMS.—The Corporation shall make the grants to pay for the Federal share of the cost of carrying out full- or part-time national service programs that are consistent with subtitle C and that improve performance on opportunity indicators, through the service of the participants in the programs.

“(5) FORMULA AND COMPETITIVE GRANTS.—For purposes of making grants under paragraph (1), (2), (3), or (4), the Corporation shall carry out the following:

“(A) FORMULA GRANTS.—

“(i) GRANTS TO CERTAIN STATES.—

“(I) IN GENERAL.—From 33½ percent of the amount available in the Fund described in that paragraph for a fiscal year (after the Corporation makes the reservation described in subsection (i)), the Corporation shall make grants (including financial assistance and a corresponding allotment of approved national service positions). The Corporation shall make the grants to the State Commission of each of the several States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico that has an application approved by the Corporation under subsection (e), from allotments described in subclause (II).

“(II) ALLOTMENT.—The amount allotted as a grant to each such State under subclause (I) for a fiscal year shall be equal to the amount that bears the same ratio to that 33½ percent of the amount available in that Fund for that fiscal year as the population of the State bears to the total population of the several States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

“(ii) GRANTS TO CERTAIN TERRITORIES AND POSSESSIONS.—

“(I) IN GENERAL.—From 1 percent of the amount available in the Fund described in that paragraph for a fiscal year (after the Corporation makes the reservation described in subsection (i)), the Corporation shall make grants (including financial assistance and a corresponding allotment of approved national service positions). The Corporation shall make the grants to the State Commission for each of the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands that has an application approved by the Corporation under subsection (e), from allotments described in subclause (II).

“(II) ALLOTMENT.—The amount allotted as a grant to each such State under subclause (I) for a fiscal year shall be equal to the amount that bears the same ratio to that 1 percent of the amount available in that Fund for that fiscal year as the population of the State bears to the total population of the States referred to in subclause (I).

“(iii) GRANTS TO INDIAN TRIBES.—

“(I) IN GENERAL.—From 1 percent of the amount available in the Fund described in that paragraph for a fiscal year (after the Corporation makes the reservation described in subsection (i)), the Corporation shall make grants (including financial assistance and a corresponding allotment of approved

national service positions) to Indian tribes that have applications approved by the Corporation under subsection (e). The funds allotted for such grants shall be allotted by the Corporation on a competitive basis in accordance with the respective needs of the Indian tribes.

“(II) APPLICATION.—For purposes of this subtitle, other than this subparagraph, a reference to a State Commission shall be considered to include a reference to the governing body of an Indian tribe, and a reference to a State shall be considered to include a reference to an Indian tribe or the geographic area in which the tribe resides. The Corporation shall have authority to issue standards to apply the provisions of this subtitle (other than this subparagraph) to Indian tribes.

“(iv) EFFECT OF FAILURE TO APPLY.—If a State or Indian tribe fails to apply for, or fails to give notice to the Corporation of its intent to apply for, an allotment under this subparagraph, the Corporation shall use the amount that would have been allotted under this subparagraph to the State or Indian tribe—

“(I) to make grants (including financial assistance and a corresponding allotment of approved national service positions) to other eligible entities that propose to carry out national service programs in the State on behalf of the Indian tribe; and

“(II) after making grants under subclause (I), to make a reallocation to other States and Indian tribes that have applications approved by the Corporation under subsection (e).

“(B) COMPETITIVE GRANTS.—From the remainder of the amount available in that Fund for that fiscal year, the Corporation shall make grants (including such assistance and corresponding allotment), on a competitive basis, to State Commissions and eligible entities that have such approved applications.

“(6) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise expressly provided in this section and subtitle D, the terms and conditions of grants made under this subsection shall be consistent with the provisions of subtitle C concerning terms and conditions of grants made under section 121(a). Those terms and conditions shall apply with respect to grants and allotments requested, national service positions and national service programs proposed, and applications submitted, under this section.

“(B) INVESTMENT IN NATIONAL SERVICE.—For purposes of applying the provisions of part I of subtitle C under this subsection, sections 122(c), 125, and 126 shall not apply.

“(C) APPLICATION, APPROVAL, AND ALLOCATION.—State Commissions and eligible entities shall apply for the grants, and the grants (and the financial assistance and approved national service positions made available through the grants) shall be allocated among State Commissions and eligible entities, in a manner consistent with this section. Except as otherwise provided in this section, subsections (a) through (d) of section 129, subsections (a) through (d), and (g), of section 130, subsections (a)(1) and (f) of section 131, and subsections (a), (b), (d), and (e) of section 133 shall not apply to such applications and allocations.

“(D) NATIONAL SERVICE PARTICIPANTS.—Except as otherwise expressly provided in this section and subtitle D, the terms and conditions that apply to participants in programs carried out under such grants (including provisions relating to participant eligibility, selection, terms of service, and benefits) shall be consistent with the provisions of subtitle C concerning terms and conditions that apply to participants in programs under subtitle C.

“(7) NUMBER OF POSITIONS.—The Corporation shall—

“(A) establish or increase the number of positions that are approved as approved national service positions under this subtitle during each of fiscal years 2009 through 2013;

“(B) establish the number of the approved positions as 25,000 for fiscal year 2009; and

“(C) increase the number of the approved positions to—

“(i) 50,000 for fiscal year 2010;

“(ii) 75,000 for fiscal year 2011;

“(iii) 125,000 for fiscal year 2012; and

“(iv) 175,000 for fiscal year 2013.

“(d) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Eligible entities shall carry out the national service programs under subsection (c).

“(2) QUALIFICATION.—To be qualified to carry out a national service program under subsection (c), an eligible entity shall—

“(A) receive a grant under subsection (c); or

“(B) be selected to carry out the program through a competitive process, by a State Commission that receives a grant under subsection (c).

“(e) APPLICATION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—To be qualified to receive a grant under subsection (c) for a national service program, a State Commission or an eligible entity shall submit an application to the Corporation at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Corporation may require, which shall include—

“(A) information describing how the eligible entity proposed to carry out the program proposes to utilize funds under a paragraph of subsection (c) to improve performance on the corresponding indicators described in subsection (a) utilizing participants, including the activities in which such participants will engage to improve performance on those indicators;

“(B) information identifying the geographical area in which the eligible entity proposed to carry out the program proposes to use funds under a paragraph of subsection (c) to improve performance on the corresponding indicators described in subsection (a), including demographic information on the students or individuals, as appropriate, in such area, and statistics demonstrating the need to improve such indicators in such area;

“(C) with respect to a grant to carry out a national service program under a paragraph of subsection (c), information describing the experience of the eligible entity proposed to carry out the program in improving performance on the corresponding indicators described in subsection (a), including whether the entity has previously utilized participants to improve performance on such indicators, and if so, the activities in which such participants have engaged;

“(D) if applicable, information on how the eligible entity described in subparagraph (A) will work with other community-based agencies to carry out activities to improve performance on the corresponding indicators described in subsection (a) using such funds;

“(E) a description of—

“(i) the type of positions into which participants will be placed, using the assistance provided under subsection (c), including descriptions of the specific tasks to be performed by such participants, and the minimum qualifications that individuals will be required to meet to become participants in such program; and

“(ii) the number of proposed full- and part-time national service positions for which participants will receive the national service educational award described in subtitle D;

“(F) a description consistent with the description required by section 130(b)(12) for the national service positions proposed;

“(G) information and assurances consistent with those described in subsections (e) and (f) of section 130, subsections (a)(2), (b), (c), (d)(1), and (e) of section 131, and section 132(a), for the grant requested and the national service program and national service positions proposed, except as provided in subsection (g)(1)(B);

“(H) measurable goals, to be used for annual measurements of the program on 1 or more of the corresponding indicators described in subsection (a);

“(I) in the case of a grant under subsection (c)(1), information on how the eligible entity described in subparagraph (A) will enter into partnerships with local educational agencies and schools to carry out activities to improve performance on education indicators using funds received under this subsection (c);

“(J) in the case of a grant under subsection (c)(4)—

“(i) if the program is designed to improve economic opportunity by engaging economically disadvantaged individuals as participants—

“(I) the minimum and maximum percentages of participants who will be economically disadvantaged individuals; and

“(II) if applicable, information on the skills and training those individuals will receive that will assist those individuals in obtaining jobs after completion of their service under the grant; and

“(ii) information on the number and percentage of individuals, including children, in families with family incomes below the poverty line in the community to be served; and

“(K) any other information the Corporation may require.

“(2) REQUEST FOR WAIVER.—

“(A) REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.—An applicant may include in the application a request for a waiver (including a justification of the need for such waiver and information describing how such waiver will assist the applicant in improving performance on the appropriate indicators described in subsection (a)) of requirements relating to the Corporation's provision of a national service educational award to or on behalf of a participant in the program, which may include—

“(i) in the case of a grant under subsection (c)(1), requirements relating to the minimum age for a participant under section 137(a)(4); and

“(ii) in the case of a grant under any paragraph of subsection (c), requirements relating to individuals who receive a national service educational award under section 146(a) and related provisions, to allow the eligible entity proposed to carry out the program to select participants to serve in approved national service positions (with eligibility for national service educational awards) from among a prespecified group of participants, if the request describes the process by which the participants serving in such positions will be selected from such group.

“(B) REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO USE OF ALLOTMENTS FOR PROGRAMS.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—A State Commission may include in the application a request that the Corporation—

“(I) waive provisions requiring the State to use an allotment from a Fund, described in subsection (c)(5)(A), for corresponding programs described in a paragraph of subsection (c); and

“(II) permit the State to use funds from the allotment for other programs described in another paragraph of subsection (c).

“(ii) INFORMATION.—The State Commission shall include in the request—

“(I) information demonstrating that the State has not received a sufficient number of applications of adequate quality to carry out the corresponding programs referred to in clause (i)(I); and

“(II) information identifying the other programs referred to in clause (i)(II), and the amount of funds from the allotment that the State intends to use for each such program.

“(iii) TREATMENT.—If the Corporation approves the waiver, and permits the State to use funds from the allotment for programs described in a paragraph of subsection (c), for purposes of this subtitle (other than subsection (c)(5)(A)), the funds shall be considered to be part of a grant made under that paragraph.

“(3) LIMITATION ON SAME PROJECT IN MULTIPLE APPLICATIONS.—The Corporation shall reject an application submitted under this subsection if a project proposed to be conducted using assistance requested by the applicant is already described in another application pending before the Corporation.

“(f) CONSULTATION.—

“(1) OFFICIALS.—

“(A) EDUCATION CORPS.—The Corporation shall consult with the Secretary of Education as appropriate in making grants under subsection (c)(1) and developing additional indicators described in subsection (a)(8)(F).

“(B) HEALTHY FUTURES CORPS.—The Corporation shall consult with the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as appropriate in making grants under subsection (c)(2) and developing additional indicators described in subsection (a)(13)(E).

“(C) CLEAN ENERGY SERVICE CORPS.—The Corporation shall consult with the Secretary of Energy and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency as appropriate in making grants under subsection (c)(3) and developing additional indicators described in subsection (a)(4)(D).

“(D) OPPORTUNITY CORPS.—The Corporation shall consult with the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Secretary of Labor as appropriate in making grants under subsection (c)(4) and developing additional indicators described in subsection (a)(19)(E).

“(2) REVIEW PANELS.—The Corporation shall—

“(A) establish panels of experts for the purpose of securing recommendations on applications submitted under subsection (e) for more than \$250,000 in assistance, or for a number of national service positions that would require more than \$250,000 in national service educational awards; and

“(B) consider the opinions of such panels prior to making determinations on such applications.

“(g) ALLOCATION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND POSITIONS.—

“(1) ALLOCATION.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—In making grants under subsection (c), the Corporation shall allocate the financial assistance and approved national service positions provided through the grants among eligible entities proposed to carry out national service programs described in subsection (c).

“(B) APPROVED NATIONAL SERVICE POSITIONS ONLY.—In making those grants, the Corporation—

“(i) may make some grants that provide only approved national service positions (as opposed to financial assistance and such positions) for some or all of the participants in the national service programs involved; but

“(ii) shall ensure that not more than 35 percent of the participants in the national service programs described in subsection (c)

will receive only approved national service positions through the grants.

“(C) FULL-TIME POSITIONS.—In making the grants, the Corporation shall ensure that 50 percent of the approved national service positions provided through the grants shall be full-time national service positions.

“(2) PRIORITY.—In awarding financial assistance and approved national service positions to eligible entities proposed to carry out national service programs described in subsection (c)—

“(A) in the case of a grant under subsection (c)(2)—

“(i) the Corporation may give priority to such eligible entities that propose to develop policies to provide, and provide, support for participants who, after completing service under this section, will undertake careers to improve performance on health indicators; and

“(ii) the Corporation shall give priority to such eligible entities that propose to carry out national service programs in medically underserved areas;

“(B) in the case of a grant under subsection (c)(3), the Corporation shall give priority to such eligible entities that propose to recruit individuals for the Clean Energy Service Corps so that significant percentages of participants in the Corps are economically disadvantaged individuals, and provide to such individuals training to develop skills needed for clean energy jobs for which there is ongoing demand or there is predicted to be future demand; and

“(C) in the case of a grant under subsection (c)(4), the Corporation shall give priority to such eligible entities that propose to—

“(i) improve economic opportunity by engaging a significant percentage of economically disadvantaged individuals as participants to provide services and benefits to other economically disadvantaged individuals; or

“(ii) serve a community with a high number and percentage of individuals, including children, in families with family incomes below the poverty line.

“(3) GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY.—The Corporation shall ensure that eligible entities receiving financial assistance or positions under subsection (c) are geographically diverse and include entities proposing national service programs to be conducted in urban or rural areas.

“(4) ENCORE SERVICE PROGRAMS.—

“(A) FORMULA GRANTS.—Each State receiving a grant under subsection (c)(5)(A) for a fiscal year shall make an effort to make available not less than 10 percent of the financial assistance and approved national service positions provided through the grant for that fiscal year to eligible entities proposed to carry out encore service programs, unless the State Commission involved does not receive a sufficient number of applications of adequate quality to justify making that percentage available to those eligible entities.

“(B) COMPETITIVE GRANTS.—In making grants under subsection (c)(5)(B) for a fiscal year, the Corporation shall make an effort to allocate not less than 10 percent of the financial assistance and approved national service positions provided through the grants for that fiscal year to eligible entities proposed to carry out encore service programs, unless the Corporation does not receive a sufficient number of applications of adequate quality to justify making that percentage available to those eligible entities.

“(5) EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.—A participant who serves in a national service program that receives a grant under subsection (c) shall be considered to have served in an approved national service position and, upon meeting the requirements of section 147 (or

the requirements specified in a waiver granted under subsection (e)(2)(A)), shall be eligible for a national service educational award described in section 147. The Corporation shall transfer an appropriate amount of funds to the National Service Trust to provide for the national service educational awards for such participants.

“(h) USE OF ASSISTANCE.—

“(1) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—An eligible entity that receives financial assistance or positions under a paragraph of subsection (c) shall use the financial assistance or positions to carry out full-time or part-time national service programs, including summer programs, described in that paragraph of subsection (c) that are designed to improve performance on the corresponding indicators described in subsection (a) in low-income communities.

“(2) PARTICIPANT ACTIVITIES.—A participant in such a program shall address identified community needs by carrying out activities (which may include providing direct service, recruiting and coordinating the activities of volunteers providing direct service, and building the capacity of local organizations and communities) designed to improve performance on the corresponding indicators described in subsection (a), such as—

“(A) in the case of a program carried out under subsection (c)(1)—

“(i) tutoring, or providing other academic support to students;

“(ii) mentoring students, including adult or peer mentoring;

“(iii) linking needed integrated services and comprehensive supports with students, their families, and their public schools;

“(iv) improving the school climate involved;

“(v) providing assistance to a school in expanding the school day by strengthening the quality of staff in an expanded learning time initiative, a program of a 21st century community learning center, or a high-quality after-school program;

“(vi) assisting schools and local educational agencies in improving and expanding high-quality service-learning programs that keep students engaged in schools by providing service-learning coordinators; and

“(vii) involving family members of students in supporting teachers and students;

“(B) in the case of a program carried out under subsection (c)(2)—

“(i) assisting economically disadvantaged individuals in navigating the health care system;

“(ii) assisting individuals in obtaining access to health care for themselves or their children;

“(iii) educating economically disadvantaged individuals and individuals who are members of medically underserved populations about, and engaging individuals described in this clause in, initiatives regarding navigating the health care system and regarding disease prevention and health promotion, with a particular focus on common health conditions, chronic diseases, and conditions, for which disease prevention and health promotion measures exist and for which socioeconomic, geographic, and racial and ethnic health disparities exist, such as initiatives concerning—

“(I) cardiovascular disease;

“(II) diabetes education;

“(III) cancer screening;

“(IV) HIV infection or AIDS;

“(V) immunizations; and

“(VI) infant mortality;

“(iv) improving health literacy of patients;

“(v) providing translation services at clinics and in emergency rooms to improve health care; and

“(vi) assisting in health promotion interventions that improve health status, and helping people adopt and maintain healthy lifestyles and habits to improve health status;

“(C) in the case of a program carried out under subsection (c)(3)—

“(i) weatherizing and retrofitting housing units for low-income households to improve the energy efficiency of such housing units;

“(ii) building energy efficient housing units in low-income communities;

“(iii) conducting energy audits for low-income households and recommending ways for the households to improve energy efficiency;

“(iv) working with schools and youth programs to educate students and youth about ways to reduce home energy use and improve the environment, including conducting service-learning projects to provide such education;

“(v) assisting in the development of local recycling programs;

“(vi) improving national and State parks, city parks, county parks, forest preserves, and trails owned or maintained by the Federal Government or a State, including planting trees, carrying out reforestation, and making trail enhancements; and

“(vii) cleaning and improving rivers maintained by the Federal Government or a State; and

“(D) in the case of a program carried out under subsection (c)(4)—

“(i) providing financial literacy education to economically disadvantaged individuals, including financial literacy education with regard to credit management, financial institutions including banks and credit unions, and utilization of savings plans;

“(ii) assisting in the construction of housing units including energy efficient homes, in low-income communities;

“(iii) assisting individuals in obtaining access to health care for themselves or their children;

“(iv) assisting individuals in obtaining information about Federal, State, local, or private programs or benefits focused on assisting economically disadvantaged individuals, economically disadvantaged children, or low-income families;

“(v) improving opportunities for economically disadvantaged children and youth to become involved in youth development organizations;

“(vi) facilitating enrollment in and completion of job training for economically disadvantaged individuals; and

“(vii) assisting economically disadvantaged individuals in obtaining access to job placement assistance.

“(i) RESERVATION OF FUNDS FOR REVIEW PANELS AND TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Before allotting funds under subsection (c)(5), the Corporation shall reserve an equal percentage (but not more than 4 percent) of the amounts available in each Fund described in a paragraph of subsection (b), to—

“(A) carry out activities concerning review panels as provided in subsection (f)(2); and

“(B) provide training and technical assistance to eligible entities, including training and technical assistance to assist eligible entities carrying out national service programs with a Corps described in subsection (a) in—

“(i) coordinating efforts; and

“(ii) improving the ability of the Corps to improve performance on the corresponding indicators described in subsection (a).

“(2) TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Corporation may, as appropriate, consult with the corresponding officials described in subsection (f)(1) in planning and carrying out the training and technical assistance.

“(j) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the end of each fiscal year for which the Corporation makes grants under a paragraph of subsection (c), the Corporation shall prepare and submit to Congress a report containing—

“(1) information describing how the Corporation allocated financial assistance and approved national service positions among eligible entities proposed to carry out national service programs described in that paragraph for that fiscal year;

“(2) a measure of the extent to which the national service programs improved performance on the corresponding indicators described in subsection (a); and

“(3) information describing how the Corporation is coordinating—

“(A) the national service programs funded under that paragraph; with

“(B) applicable programs, as determined by the Corporation, carried out under subtitles B and C of this title, and part A of title I and parts A and B of title II of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4951 et seq., 5001, 5011) that improve performance on those indicators or otherwise address identified community needs.

“(k) INCENTIVES FOR ENCORE SERVICE.—

“(1) INCENTIVES STUDY.—

“(A) STUDY.—The Corporation shall study the use of additional incentives (other than incentives provided by this Act on the date of enactment of the Serve America Act), to attract individuals who are age 50 or older to perform service under subtitle C or this subtitle.

“(B) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of the Serve America Act, the Corporation shall prepare and submit to Congress a report containing the results of the study.

“(2) INCENTIVES.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of the Serve America Act, the Corporation shall, notwithstanding any other provision of this title, implement through a pilot program additional incentives that the Corporation has found, through the study described in paragraph (1), to be effective to attract individuals described in paragraph (1)(A) to perform service under subtitle C or this subtitle.”.

(d) NATIONAL SERVICE EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.—

(1) TRUST.—Section 145 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12601) is amended—

(A) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “section 501(a)(2)” and inserting “paragraph (2) or (6) of section 501(a)”; and

(B) in subsection (d)(4), by striking “subtitle C” and inserting “subtitle C or G”.

(2) INCREASED NUMBER OF TERMS OF SERVICE TO ENCOURAGE ENCORE SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES.—Section 146 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12602) is amended—

(A) in subsection (c)—

(i) by striking “Although” and inserting the following:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Although”; and

(ii) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) TERMS OF SERVICE FOR ENCORE SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES.—

“(A) NUMBER OF TERMS.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1) and section 147, a participant who is age 50 or older on the first day of the participant’s service under subtitle C or G may receive a national service educational award for not more than 3 terms of service under subtitle C or G.

“(B) AMOUNT OF AWARD.—The participant shall receive—

“(i) a national service educational award in the amount described in the corresponding provision of section 147, for the first or second term of such service; and

“(ii) a reduced national service educational award equal to ½ of the amount described in

the corresponding provision of section 147, for the third term of such service.”; and

(B) in subsection (d), by adding at the end the following:

“(3) TERM FOR TRANSFERRED EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.—For purposes of applying paragraphs (1) and (2)(A) to an individual who is eligible to receive an educational award as a designated individual (as defined in section 148(f)(3)), references to a seven-year period shall be considered to be references to a 15-year period that begins on the date the individual who transferred the educational award to the designated individual completed the term of service in the approved national service position that is the basis of the award.”.

(3) EDUCATIONAL AWARD TRANSFERS TO ENCOURAGE ENCORE SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES.—Section 148 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12604) is amended—

(A) in subsection (c)(5), by striking “subtitle C” and inserting “subtitle C or the appropriate national service program under subtitle G, as applicable”; and

(B) by redesignating subsections (f) and (g) as subsections (g) and (h), respectively; and

(C) by inserting after subsection (e) the following:

“(f) TRANSFER OF EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—An individual who is eligible to receive a national service educational award under a program described in paragraph (2) may elect to receive a reduced national service educational award (equal to ½ of the amount described in the corresponding provision of section 147) and transfer the award to a designated individual. Subsections (b), (c), and (d) shall apply to the designated individual in lieu of the individual who is eligible to receive the national service educational award, except that amounts refunded to the account under subsection (c)(5) on behalf of a designated individual may be used by the Corporation to fund additional placements in the national service program in which the eligible individual who transferred the national service educational award participated for such award.

“(2) CONDITIONS FOR TRANSFER.—A national service educational award may be transferred under this subsection if—

“(A) the educational award is for service in a national service program that receives a grant under subtitle G; and

“(B) the eligible individual is age 50 or older.

“(3) DEFINITION OF A DESIGNATED INDIVIDUAL.—In this subsection, the term ‘designated individual’ is an individual—

“(A) whom an individual who is eligible to receive a national service educational award under a program described in paragraph (2) designates to receive the educational award;

“(B) who meets the eligibility requirements of paragraphs (3) and (4) of section 146(a); and

“(C) who is a child or grandchild of the individual described in subparagraph (A).”.

(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 501(a) of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12681(a)), as amended by section 121(b), is further amended by adding at the end the following:

“(6) SERVEAMERICA CORPS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2009 through 2013 to provide financial assistance under subtitle G of title I and to provide national service educational awards under subtitle D of title I (including providing financial assistance and national service educational awards to participants in national service positions, established or increased as provided in section 168(c)(7)).

“(B) AVAILABILITY.—Of the amounts appropriated under subparagraph (A) for a fiscal year, the Corporation shall make available—

“(i) not less than 35 percent for the Education Corps Fund; and

“(ii) not less than 35 percent for the Clean Energy Service Corps Fund.”.

Subtitle D—Civic Health Index

SEC. 141. INDEX.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 179 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12639) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(j) CIVIC HEALTH INDEX.—

“(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

“(A) CORPORATION.—The term ‘Corporation’ means the Corporation for National and Community Service, in conjunction with the Director of the Bureau of the Census, the Commissioner of Labor Statistics, and (consistent with the terms of an agreement entered into between the Corporation and the National Conference) the National Conference.

“(B) NATIONAL CONFERENCE.—The term ‘National Conference’ means the National Conference on Citizenship referred to in section 150701 of title 36, United States Code.

“(2) IN GENERAL.—The Corporation shall establish a Civic Health Index by collecting civic health data, conducting related analyses, and reporting the data and analyses, as described in this subsection.

“(3) COLLECTION OF DATA.—

“(A) INDICATORS.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—In collecting data for the Index, the Corporation shall collect data on various indicators established by the Corporation, including indicators related to—

“(I) volunteering and community service;

“(II) voting and other forms of political engagement;

“(III) charitable giving;

“(IV) connecting to civic groups and faith-based organizations; and

“(V) understanding and obtaining knowledge of United States history and government.

“(ii) UPDATING.—The Corporation shall periodically evaluate and update the indicators.

“(B) AGE GROUPS AND EDUCATION LEVELS.—The Corporation shall collect data for the Index in a manner that will permit the Corporation to analyze the data by the age group and education level of the individuals involved.

“(C) OTHER ISSUES.—In collecting data for the Index, the Corporation shall collect such information as may be necessary to analyze the role of internet technology in strengthening and inhibiting civic activities, the role of specific programs in strengthening civic activities, and the civic attitudes and activities of new citizens and immigrants.

“(D) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER DATA.—To collect data for the Index, the Corporation shall consider methods of expanding data collection conducted by the Bureau of the Census, through the Current Population Survey, or by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

“(4) REPORTING OF DATA.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Corporation shall, not less often than once each year, prepare a report containing detailed data collected under paragraph (3), including data on each of the indicators described in paragraph (3)(A), and containing the analyses described in subparagraphs (B) and (C) of paragraph (3).

“(B) AGGREGATION AND PRESENTATION.—The Corporation shall aggregate the data collected under paragraph (3) by community, by State, and nationally. The report shall present the aggregated data in a form that enables communities and States to assess their civic health, as measured on each of the indicators, and compare those measures

with comparable measures of other communities and States.

“(C) SUBMISSION.—The Corporation shall submit the report to the Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate, and make the report available to the general public.

“(5) CONFERENCES AND FORUMS.—The Corporation shall hold conferences and forums to discuss the implications of the data and analyses reported under paragraph (4).

“(k) RESEARCH AND EVALUATION.—

“(1) RESEARCH.—The Corporation, acting in conjunction with the Commissioner of Labor Statistics, shall provide for baseline research and tracking of domestic and international volunteering, and baseline research and tracking related to relevant data on the indicators described in subsection (j)(3). In providing for the research and tracking under this paragraph, the Corporation and the Commissioner shall consider methods of expanding research and tracking conducted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

“(2) IMPACT RESEARCH AND EVALUATION.—The Corporation, acting in conjunction with the Commissioner of Labor Statistics, shall provide for research on, and evaluations of, the impact of domestic and international volunteering, including an assessment of best practices for such volunteering, and methods of improving such volunteering through enhanced collaboration among entities that recruit, manage, support, and utilize volunteers, institutions of higher education, and research institutions.”.

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 501(a) of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12681(a)), as amended in section 131(e), is further amended by adding at the end the following:

“(7) CIVIC HEALTH INDEX; RESEARCH AND EVALUATION.—In addition to any amounts appropriated under paragraph (4), there is authorized to be appropriated to carry out subsections (j) and (k) of section 179, \$5,600,000 for fiscal years 2009 through 2013, of which—

“(A) not more than \$800,000 may be used for a fiscal year to carry out data collection under paragraph (3) of section 179(j);

“(B) not more than \$200,000 may be used for a fiscal year to carry out paragraphs (4) and (5) of section 179(j); and

“(C) for fiscal years 2009, 2011, and 2013, not more than \$200,000 may be used to establish or update indicators under paragraph (3) of section 179(j).”.

Subtitle E—ServeAmerica and Encore Fellowships

SEC. 151. SERVEAMERICA AND ENCORE FELLOWSHIPS.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

(1) Full- and part-time volunteer service, both at the national and State levels, can effectively tackle pressing national challenges and improve communities throughout the United States.

(2) Individual service plans and opportunities can improve the ability of the nonprofit sector to address areas of national need by introducing more personal innovation and ingenuity into volunteer service efforts.

(3) Many individuals in the United States who are retiring or age 50 or older have shown an increasing interest in community service and, by utilizing their individual skills and expertise, volunteer organizations can find creative solutions to pressing national problems.

(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section are—

(1) to provide, by 2013, individual fellowships to 5,000 individuals annually, allowing the individuals to propose their own plans

for serving in their communities and addressing areas of national need;

(2) to focus the ideas and creativity of individuals into addressing national challenges such as improving education for low-income students, increasing energy conservation, improving access to health care for, and the health status of, low-income individuals, and creating new economic opportunities for low-income individuals; and

(3) to provide Encore Fellowships to individuals over the age of 50 to draw on the individuals’ talents and experience, to improve the effectiveness of volunteer service organizations, and to provide the individuals with the support they need to make a transition to longer-term public service work.

(c) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—Subtitle J of title I of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12653 et seq.), as redesignated by section 121, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 198E. SERVEAMERICA AND ENCORE FELLOWSHIPS.

“(a) SERVEAMERICA FELLOWSHIPS.—

“(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

“(A) AREA OF NATIONAL NEED.—The term ‘area of national need’ means an area related to—

“(i) improving education in public schools for economically disadvantaged students;

“(ii) expanding and improving access to health care;

“(iii) improving clean energy indicators, as defined in section 168(a);

“(iv) improving economic opportunities for economically disadvantaged individuals; or

“(v) improving disaster preparedness and response.

“(B) CAMPUS OF SERVICE.—The term ‘Campus of Service’ means an institution of higher education designated as a Campus of Service under section 119E.

“(C) ELIGIBLE FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENT.—The term ‘eligible fellowship recipient’ means an individual who is selected by a State Commission under paragraph (4)(E) and, as a result of such selection, is eligible for a ServeAmerica Fellowship.

“(D) FELLOW.—The term ‘fellow’ means an eligible fellowship recipient who is awarded a ServeAmerica Fellowship and is designated a fellow under paragraph (5)(B).

“(2) SERVEAMERICA FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM.—The Corporation shall establish and carry out a ServeAmerica Fellowship program.

“(3) GRANTS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Corporation shall make grants (including financial assistance and a corresponding allotment of approved national service positions), from allotments described in subparagraph (B), to the State Commissions of each of the several States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico that has an application approved by the Corporation, to enable the State Commissions to award ServeAmerica Fellowships under paragraph (5). The fellowships shall be used to enable fellows to carry out service projects in areas of national need.

“(B) RESERVATION; ALLOTMENT.—

“(i) RESERVATION.—From the amount appropriated under section 501(a)(2)(C) for a fiscal year, the Corporation shall reserve not more than 3 percent to administer the program under this subsection.

“(ii) ALLOTMENT.—The amount allotted as a grant to a State Commission under subparagraph (A) for a fiscal year shall be equal to the amount that bears the same ratio to the amount appropriated under section 501(a)(2)(C) and not reserved under clause (i) for that fiscal year, as the population of the State bears to the total population of the several States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

“(C) NUMBER OF POSITIONS.—The Corporation shall—

“(i) establish or increase the number of positions that are approved as approved national service positions under this subsection during each of fiscal years 2009 through 2013;

“(ii) establish the number of approved positions at 1,000 for fiscal year 2009; and

“(iii) increase the number of the approved positions to—

“(I) 2,000 for fiscal year 2010;

“(II) 3,000 for fiscal year 2011;

“(III) 4,000 for fiscal year 2012; and

“(IV) 5,000 for fiscal year 2013.

“(D) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible to receive such a grant, a State Commission shall submit an application to the Corporation at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Corporation may require, including information on the criteria and procedures that the State Commission will use for coordinating placements for service projects, and awarding ServeAmerica Fellowships, under paragraph (5).

“(4) ELIGIBLE FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the program, the Corporation shall, each fiscal year, maintain a list of eligible fellowship recipients selected under subparagraph (E).

“(B) APPLICATION.—An individual desiring to be selected as an eligible fellowship recipient shall submit an application to a State Commission, a Campus of Service, or an institution of higher education, that has elected to participate in the program carried out under this subsection, at such time and in such manner as the Commission, Campus, or institution may require, and containing the information described in subparagraph (C) and such additional information as the Commission, Campus, or institution may require. An individual may submit such application to only 1 entity under this subparagraph for a fiscal year.

“(C) CONTENTS.—The Corporation shall specify information to be provided in the application, which shall include—

“(i) a description of the area of national need that the applicant hopes to address through service in the service project;

“(ii) a description of the skills and experience the applicant has to address the area of national need;

“(iii) a description of the type of service that the applicant plans to provide as a fellow; and

“(iv) information identifying the State in which the applicant will serve (which, in the case of an application submitted to a State Commission, shall be the State served by the Commission) and the local area in which the applicant plans to serve, for the service project.

“(D) NOMINATIONS BY CAMPUSES OF SERVICE AND INSTITUTIONS.—After reviewing the applications—

“(i) each Campus of Service may nominate not fewer than 8 individuals for consideration by the State Commission as eligible fellowship recipients; and

“(ii) each institution of higher education that is not a Campus of Service may nominate not fewer than 4 individuals for consideration by the State Commission as eligible fellowship recipients.

“(E) SELECTION.—Each State Commission shall select, from the applications nominated by Campuses of Service and institutions of higher education serving the State and the applications received by the State Commission for a fiscal year, the number of eligible fellowship recipients that may be supported for that fiscal year based on the allotment received by the State Commission under paragraph (3)(B). A total of not less than 10 percent and not more than 15 percent of the eligible fellowship recipients selected by the State Commission for a fiscal year

shall be individuals nominated by a Campus of Service or an institution of higher education.

“(5) FELLOWS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to participate in a service project through the program as a fellow and receive a ServeAmerica Fellowship, an eligible fellowship recipient shall—

“(i) within 6 months after being selected as an eligible fellowship recipient, select an appropriate service sponsor organization described in paragraph (6) in the State described in paragraph (4)(C)(iv), with which the individual is interested in serving under this subsection;

“(ii) enter into an agreement with the organization—

“(I) that specifies the service the individual will provide if the placement is approved; and

“(II) in which the individual agrees to serve for 1 year on a (as determined by the Corporation) full-time, part-time, or reduced part-time basis; and

“(iii) submit such agreement to the State Commission.

“(B) AWARD.—Upon receiving the eligible fellowship recipient's agreement under subparagraph (A), the State Commission shall award a ServeAmerica Fellowship to the recipient and designate the recipient as a fellow.

“(C) FELLOWSHIP AMOUNT.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—From funds received under paragraph (3), each State Commission shall award each fellow a ServeAmerica Fellowship amount that is equal to 50 percent of the amount of the total average annual subsistence allowance provided to VISTA volunteers under section 105 of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4955).

“(ii) AMOUNT FROM SERVICE SPONSOR ORGANIZATION.—Except as provided in clause (iii), the service sponsor organization shall award to the fellow serving such organization an amount that will ensure that the total award received by the fellow for service in the serve project (consisting of that amount and the ServeAmerica Fellowship amount the fellow receives under clause (i)) is equal to or greater than 70 percent of the average annual subsistence allowance provided to VISTA volunteers under section 105 of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4955).

“(iii) MAXIMUM LIVING ALLOWANCE.—The total amount that may be provided to a fellow under this subparagraph shall not exceed 100 percent of the average annual subsistence allowance provided to VISTA volunteers under section 105 of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4955).

“(iv) PRORATION OF AMOUNT.—In the case of a fellow who is authorized to serve a part-time or reduced part-time term of service under the agreement described in subparagraph (A)(ii), the amount provided to a fellow under this subparagraph shall be prorated accordingly.

“(v) WAIVER.—The Corporation may allow a State Commission to waive the amount required under clause (ii) from the service sponsor organization for a fellow serving the organization if—

“(I) such requirement is inconsistent with the objectives of the Fellowship program; and

“(II) the amount provided to the fellow under clause (i) is sufficient to meet the necessary costs of living (including food, housing, and transportation) in the area in which the fellowship program is located.

“(6) SERVICE SPONSOR ORGANIZATIONS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Each service sponsor organization shall—

“(i) be a nonprofit organization;

“(ii) agree, by registering with a State Commission, to abide by all program requirements;

“(iii) agree to provide an amount described in paragraph (5)(C)(ii) for each fellow serving with the organization through the ServeAmerica Fellowship;

“(iv) be responsible for certifying whether each fellow serving with the organization successfully completed the ServeAmerica Fellowship; and

“(v) agree—

“(I) to record and certify in a manner specified by the Corporation the number of hours served by a fellow for purposes of determining the fellow's eligibility for benefits; and

“(II) to provide timely access to records relating to the ServeAmerica Fellowship to the State Commission, the Corporation, or the Corporation's Inspector General.

“(B) REGISTRATION.—

“(i) REQUIREMENT.—No service sponsor organization may receive a fellow under this subsection until the organization registers with the State Commission.

“(ii) REVOCATION.—A State Commission shall revoke the registration of any service sponsor organization if the State Commission determines after a hearing that the organization is in violation of any of the applicable provisions of this subsection.

“(7) COMPLIANCE WITH INELIGIBLE SERVICE CATEGORIES.—Service under a ServeAmerica Fellowship shall comply with section 132(a).

“(8) REPORTS.—Each service sponsor organization that receives a fellow under this subsection shall, on a biweekly basis, report to the Corporation on the number of hours served and the services provided by that fellow. The Corporation shall establish a web portal for the organizations to use in reporting the information.

“(9) EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.—A fellow who serves in a service project under this subsection shall be considered to have served in an approved national service position and, upon meeting the requirements of section 147 for full-time, part-time, or reduced part-time national service, shall be eligible for a national service educational award described in such section. The Corporation shall transfer an appropriate amount of funds to the National Service Trust to provide for the national service educational awards for such fellows.

“(b) ENCORE FELLOWSHIPS.—

“(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

“(A) AREA OF NATIONAL NEED.—The term ‘area of national need’ has the meaning given the term in subsection (a)(1).

“(B) ELIGIBLE ENCORE FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENT.—The term ‘eligible Encore Fellowship recipient’ means an individual who is selected under paragraph (3)(B) and, as a result of such selection, is eligible for an Encore Fellowship.

“(C) ENCORE FELLOW.—The term ‘Encore fellow’ means an eligible Encore Fellowship recipient who is awarded an Encore Fellowship and is designated an Encore fellow under paragraph (5)(C).

“(2) ENCORE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Corporation shall establish and carry out an Encore Fellowship program. In carrying out the program, the Corporation shall award 1-year Encore Fellowships to enable individuals age 50 or older—

“(i) to carry out service projects in areas of national need; and

“(ii) to receive training and development in order to transition to full- or part-time public service in the nonprofit sector or government.

“(B) PROGRAM.—In carrying out the program, the Corporation shall—

“(i) maintain a list of eligible Encore Fellowship recipients who are eligible to participate in service projects through the program and receive fellowships;

“(ii) maintain a list of organizations that are eligible to have eligible Encore Fellows placed with the organizations to carry out service projects through the program and provide the list to all eligible Encore Fellowship recipients described in clause (i); and

“(iii) at the request of an Encore Fellowship recipient—

“(I) determine whether the requesting eligible Encore Fellowship recipient is able to meet the service needs of a listed organization, or another organization that the recipient requests in accordance with paragraph (5)(B), for a service project; and

“(II) upon making a favorable determination under subclause (I), award the recipient with an Encore Fellowship and place the recipient with the organization as an Encore Fellow.

“(3) ELIGIBLE ENCORE FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—An individual desiring to be selected as an eligible Encore Fellowship recipient shall—

“(i) be an individual who is—

“(I) at least 50 years of age as of the time the individual applies for the program; and

“(II) not engaged in, but who wishes to make a transition to being engaged in, full- or part-time public service in the nonprofit sector or government; and

“(ii) submit an application to the Corporation, at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Corporation may require, including—

“(I) a description of the area of national need that the applicant hopes to address through the service project;

“(II) a description of the skills and experience the applicant has to address an area of national need; and

“(III) information identifying the area of the country in which the applicant wishes to serve.

“(B) SELECTION BASIS.—In determining which individuals to select as eligible Encore Fellowship recipients, the Corporation shall—

“(i) select not more than 10 individuals from each State; and

“(ii) give priority to individuals with skills and experience for which there is an ongoing high demand in the nonprofit sector and government.

“(4) LISTED ORGANIZATIONS.—To be listed under paragraph (2)(B)(ii), an organization shall—

“(A) be a nonprofit organization; and

“(B) submit an application to the Corporation at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Corporation may require, including—

“(i) a description of—

“(I) the services and activities the organization carries out generally;

“(II) the area of national need that the organization seeks to address through a service project; and

“(III) the services and activities the organization seeks to carry out through the proposed service project;

“(ii) a description of the skills and experience that an eligible Encore Fellowship recipient needs to be placed with the organization as an Encore Fellow for the service project;

“(iii) a description of the training and leadership development the organization shall provide an Encore Fellow placed with the organization to assist the Encore Fellow in obtaining a public service job in the nonprofit sector or government after the period of the Encore Fellowship; and

“(iv) evidence of the organization's financial stability.

“(5) PLACEMENT.—

“(A) REQUEST FOR PLACEMENT WITH LISTED ORGANIZATIONS.—To be placed with a listed organization under paragraph (2)(B)(iii) for a service project, an eligible Encore Fellowship recipient shall submit an application for such placement to the Corporation at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Corporation may require.

“(B) REQUEST FOR PLACEMENT WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.—An eligible Encore Fellowship recipient may apply to the Corporation to serve the recipient's Encore Fellowship year with a nonprofit organization that is not a listed organization. Such application shall be submitted to the Corporation at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Corporation shall require, and shall include—

“(i) an identification and description of—

“(I) the organization;

“(II) the area of national need the organization seeks to address; and

“(III) the services or activities the organization carries out to address such area of national need;

“(ii) a description of the services the eligible Encore Fellowship recipient shall provide for the organization as an Encore Fellow;

“(iii) a description of the training and leadership development the organization will provide to the eligible Encore Fellowship recipient if placed with the organization as an Encore Fellow, to assist the Encore Fellow in obtaining a public service job in the nonprofit sector or government after the period of the Encore Fellowship; and

“(iv) a letter of support from the leader of the organization, including—

“(I) a description of the organization's need for the eligible Encore Fellowship recipient's services;

“(II) evidence that such organization is financially sound; and

“(III) an assurance that such organization will provide leadership training and development consistent with the description in the application.

“(C) PLACEMENT AND AWARD OF FELLOWSHIP.—If the Corporation determines that the eligible Encore Fellowship recipient is able to meet the service needs (including skills and experience to address an area of national need) of the organization that the eligible fellowship recipient requests under subparagraph (A) or (B), the Corporation shall—

“(i) approve the placement of the eligible Encore Fellowship recipient with the organization;

“(ii) award the eligible Encore Fellowship recipient an Encore Fellowship for a period of 1 year and designate the eligible Encore Fellowship recipient as an Encore Fellow; and

“(iii) make a payment, in the amount of \$11,000, to the listed organization to enable the organization to provide living expenses to the Encore Fellow for the year in which the Encore Fellow agrees to serve.

“(6) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—An organization that receives an Encore Fellow under this subsection shall agree to provide, for the living expenses of the Encore Fellow during the year of service, non-Federal contributions in an amount equal to not less than \$1 for every \$1 of Federal funds provided to the organization for the Encore Fellow through the fellowship.

“(7) TRAINING AND ASSISTANCE.—Each organization that receives an Encore Fellow under this subsection shall provide training, leadership development, and assistance to the Encore Fellow, and conduct oversight of the service provided by the Encore Fellow.

“(8) LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT.—Each year, the Corporation shall convene current and former Encore Fellows to discuss the Encore Fellows' experiences related to service under this subsection and discuss strategies for increasing leadership and careers in public service in the nonprofit sector or government.”.

(d) NATIONAL SERVICE EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.—

(1) TRUST.—Section 145(d)(4) of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12601(d)(4)), as amended by section 131(d)(1)(B), is further amended by inserting “or section 198E(a)” after “subtitle C or G”.

(2) REDUCED PART-TIME SERVICE.—Section 147 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12603) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(d) REDUCED PART-TIME SERVICE FOR SERVEAMERICA FELLOWS.—A participant (eligible by meeting the requirements described in section 146(a)), who performs service as a ServeAmerica Fellow under section 198E(a) and who successfully completes a required term of reduced part-time national service in an approved national service position shall be eligible to receive a national service educational award having a value, for each of not more than 2 of such terms of service, equal to the amount described in subsection (b), prorated based on the number of hours served by the ServeAmerica Fellow.”.

(3) TRANSFER OF EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.—Section 148(f)(2)(A) of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (20 U.S.C. 12604(f)(2)(A)), as added by section 131(d)(3)(C), is further amended by inserting “or section 198E(a)” after “subtitle G”.

(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 501(a)(2) of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12681(a)(2)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraphs (A) and (B), by inserting “(other than section 198E)” after “H of title I”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(C) SERVEAMERICA FELLOWSHIPS.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2009 through 2013 to provide financial assistance under section 198E(a) and to provide national service educational awards under subtitle D of title I (including providing financial assistance and national service educational awards to participants in national service positions, established or increased as provided in section 198E(a)(3)(C)).

“(D) ENCORE FELLOWSHIPS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out section 198E(b), \$7,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2009 through 2013.”.

Subtitle F—Volunteer Generation Fund; National Service Reserve Corps; Call to Service Campaign

SEC. 161. STATEMENT OF PURPOSES.

The purposes of this subtitle are to—

(1) assist nonprofit, faith-based, and other civic organizations in the United States and State Commissions in expanding the supply of volunteers and improving the capacity of such organizations and State Commissions to utilize new volunteers;

(2) spur innovation in volunteer recruitment and management practices, with a goal of increasing the number of volunteers in the United States each year;

(3) enable the people of the United States to effect change throughout the United States by participating in active volunteer and citizen service; and

(4) draw on the experience, skills, and training of national service alumni to assist local communities that are affected by disasters.

SEC. 162. ESTABLISHMENT OF VOLUNTEER GENERATION FUND.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle J of title I of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12653 et seq.), as amended by section 151, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 198F. VOLUNTEER GENERATION FUND.

“(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) AREAS OF NATIONAL NEED.—The term ‘areas of national need’ has the meaning given the term in section 198E(a)(1).

“(2) CIVIC ENTITY.—The term ‘civic entity’ means a local or national nonprofit organization, including a faith-based organization, that uses volunteers to carry out activities in areas of national need.

“(3) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible entity’ means—

“(A) a State Commission; or

“(B) a nonprofit entity that provides technical assistance and support to civic entities in recruiting, managing, and supporting volunteers, such as a volunteer coordinating agency, a nonprofit resource center, a volunteer training clearinghouse, or an institution of higher education.

“(b) FUND.—

“(1) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—The Corporation shall award grants on a competitive basis to eligible entities to enable—

“(A) eligible entities to increase the number of volunteers available to carry out activities that address areas of national need through civic entities supported by the eligible entity; or

“(B) eligible entities described in subsection (a)(3)(A) to increase the number of volunteers available to carry out statewide volunteer initiatives that address State priorities with regard to areas of national need.

“(2) PERIOD OF GRANT.—The Corporation shall award the grants for periods of not less than 3 years and not more than 5 years.

“(3) APPLICATION.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Each eligible entity desiring a grant under this subsection shall submit an application to the Corporation at such time, in such manner, and accompanied by such information as the Corporation may reasonably require.

“(B) CONTENTS.—Each application submitted pursuant to subparagraph (A) shall contain—

“(i) (I) in the case of an eligible entity that proposes to use grant funds to carry out an activity described in paragraph (1)(A), a description of the technical assistance and support the entity provides to civic entities in recruiting, managing, and supporting additional volunteers; or

“(II) in the case of an eligible entity that proposes to use grant funds to carry out a statewide initiative described in paragraph (1)(B), a description of the State priorities with regard to areas of national need and the proposed initiative to address such priorities;

“(ii) an assurance that the eligible entity will annually collect information on—

“(I) the number of volunteers recruited for civic entities or to carry out statewide initiatives described in paragraph (1)(B), using funds received under this subsection, and the type and amount of activities carried out by such volunteers; and

“(II) the number of volunteers supported using funds received under this subsection, and the type and amount of activities carried out by such volunteers;

“(iii) a description of any outcomes the eligible entity will use to annually measure and track performance with regard to—

“(I) activities carried out by volunteers; and

“(II) volunteers recruited, managed, and supported;

“(iv) information describing how the eligible entity will annually evaluate the effectiveness of the entity’s activities under this subsection; and

“(v) such additional assurances as the Corporation determines to be essential to ensure compliance with the requirements of this subsection.

“(4) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible entity that receives a grant under this subsection shall use amounts provided through the grant to—

“(A) in the case of an eligible entity using grant funds to carry out an activity described in paragraph (1)(A)—

“(i) increase recruitment and training of volunteers for a civic entity, relying on best practices in volunteer recruitment and management; or

“(ii) strengthen the capacity of a civic entity to use volunteers; or

“(B) in the case of an eligible entity using grant funds to carry out a statewide initiative described in paragraph (1)(B), recruit, train, and utilize volunteers to carry out statewide volunteer initiatives.

“(5) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—Each eligible entity receiving a grant under this subsection shall annually submit a report to the Corporation that includes the information described in paragraph (3)(B)(ii), information on how the eligible entity performed with regard to the outcomes described in paragraph (3)(B)(iii), and the results of the evaluation described in paragraph (3)(B)(iv).

“(6) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—Each eligible entity receiving a grant under this subsection shall provide, from non-Federal sources, an amount equal to the grant amount to carry out the activities supported by the grant.”

(b) APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 501(a)(2) of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12681(a)(2)), as amended by section 151, is further amended—

(1) in subparagraphs (A) and (B), by striking “section 198E” each place it appears and inserting “sections 198E and 198F”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(B) VOLUNTEER GENERATION FUND.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out section 198F—

“(i) \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2009;

“(ii) \$60,000,000 for fiscal year 2010;

“(iii) \$70,000,000 for fiscal year 2011;

“(iv) \$80,000,000 for fiscal year 2012; and

“(v) \$100,000,000 for fiscal year 2013.”

SEC. 163. NATIONAL SERVICE RESERVE CORPS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle J of title I of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12653 et seq.), as amended by section 162, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 198G. NATIONAL SERVICE RESERVE CORPS.

“(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) TERM OF NATIONAL SERVICE.—The term ‘term of national service’ means a term or period of service under subtitle C, E, or G or section 198E of this Act, or under part A of title I of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4951 et seq.).

“(2) NATIONAL SERVICE RESERVE CORPS MEMBER.—The term ‘National Service Reserve Corps member’ means an individual who—

“(A) has completed a term of national service;

“(B) has successfully completed training described in subsection (c) within the previous 2 years; and

“(C) is interested in responding to national disasters and other emergencies through the National Service Reserve Corps.

“(b) ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL SERVICE RESERVE CORPS.—The Corporation shall establish a National Service Reserve Corps to prepare and deploy individuals who have completed a term of national service to respond to natural disasters and other emergencies in a timely manner.

“(c) ANNUAL TRAINING.—The Corporation shall, in consultation with the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, conduct or coordinate annual training sessions for individuals who have completed a term of national service, and who wish to join the National Service Reserve Corps.

“(d) CERTIFICATION OF ORGANIZATIONS.—On a biannual basis, the Corporation shall certify organizations with demonstrated experience in responding to disasters, including through using volunteers, for participation in the program under this section.

“(e) DATABASES.—The Corporation shall develop or contract with an outside organization to develop—

“(1) a database of all National Service Reserve Corps members; and

“(2) a database of all nonprofit organizations that—

“(A) have been certified by the Corporation under subsection (d); and

“(B) are prepared to respond to major disasters or emergencies with members of the National Service Reserve Corps.

“(f) DEPLOYMENT OF NATIONAL SERVICE RESERVE CORPS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—If a major disaster or emergency designated by the President under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.) occurs that the Corporation, in consultation with the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, determines is an incident for which National Service Reserve Corps members are prepared to assist, the Corporation shall—

“(A) deploy interested National Service Reserve Corps members on 30-day assignments to assist with local needs related to preparing or recovering from the incident in the affected area, through organizations certified under subsection (d);

“(B) make travel arrangements for the deployed National Service Reserve Corps members to the site of the incident; and

“(C) provide funds to those organizations that are responding to the incident with deployed National Service Reserve Corps members, to enable the organizations to coordinate and provide housing, living stipends, and insurance for those deployed members.

“(2) STIPEND FUND.—Any amounts that are appropriated under section 501(a)(2)(F) to carry out paragraph (1) for a fiscal year shall be kept in a separate fund. Any amounts in such fund that are not used during a fiscal year shall remain available for the next fiscal year for the purpose of carrying out such paragraph.

“(g) INFORMATION.—The Corporation, the State Commissions, and entities receiving financial assistance for programs under subtitle C, E, or G or section 198E of this Act, or under part A of title I of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4951 et seq.), shall inform participants of those programs of the National Service Reserve Corps upon the participants’ completion of their term of national service.

“(h) COORDINATION.—In deploying National Service Reserve Corps members under subsection (f), the Corporation may consult and, as appropriate, partner with Citizen Corps programs in the affected area.”

(b) APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 501(a)(2) of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12681(a)(2)), as amended by section 162, is further amended—

(1) in subparagraphs (A) and (B), by striking “and 198F” each place it appears and inserting “, 198F, and 198G”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(F) NATIONAL SERVICE RESERVE CORPS.—There is authorized to be appropriated—

“(i) \$6,500,000 in year 2009, of which—

“(I) not more than \$1,500,000 shall be used to carry out section 198G (other than section 198G(f)(1)); and

“(II) the amount remaining after the application of subclause (I) shall be used to carry out section 198G(f)(1); and

“(ii) for each succeeding fiscal year—

“(I) \$1,000,000 to carry out section 198G (other than section 198G(f)(1)); and

“(II) such sums as are necessary to carry out section 198G(f)(1) so that the amount available for such fiscal year to carry out such section, including any amounts remaining in the fund described in section 198G(f)(2), is equal to \$4,000,000.”.

SEC. 164. CALL TO SERVICE CAMPAIGN.

Subtitle J of title I of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12653 et seq.), as amended by section 163, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 198H. CALL TO SERVICE CAMPAIGN.

“Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of the Serve America Act, the Corporation shall conduct a nationwide ‘Call To Service’ campaign, to encourage all people of the United States, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, religion, or economic status, to engage in full- or part-time national service, long- or short-term public service, or volunteering. In conducting the campaign, the Corporation may collaborate with State Commissions, Governors, nonprofit and faith-based organizations, businesses, institutions of higher education, elementary schools, and secondary schools.”.

Subtitle G—Conforming Amendments

SEC. 171. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) Section 101 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12511) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (17)(A)(i), by striking “subtitle C” and inserting “subtitles C and G”; and

(B) in paragraph (19)—

(i) by striking “119(b)(1), or 122(a), or in” and inserting “or 119(b)(1), subpart B of part I, or part III, of subtitle B of title I, or section 122(a), in”;;

(ii) by inserting “or in part II or III of subtitle F, or in subtitle G, of title I,” after “152(b).”; and

(iii) by striking “or 198D” and inserting “198D, 198E, 198F, or 198G”.

(2) Section 117E of such Act (42 U.S.C. 12546) is amended—

(A) in subsection (a)—

(i) in paragraph (1), by striking “116(a)(1)” and inserting “114C(a)(1)”; and

(ii) in paragraph (2), by striking “116(a)(2)” and inserting “114C(a)(2)”; and

(B) by striking “116(b)” and inserting “114C(b)”.

(3) Section 118(a) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 12551(a)) is amended by striking “subtitle H” and inserting “subtitle J”.

(4) Section 119(c) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 12561(c)) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking

“116(a)(2)” and inserting “114C(a)(2)”; and

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking “116(b)” and inserting “114C(b)”.

(5) Section 122(a)(2) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 12572(a)(2)) is amended by striking “subtitle I” and inserting “subtitle K”.

(6) Section 193A(f)(1) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 12651d(f)(1)) is amended by striking “subtitles C and I” and inserting “subtitles C and K”.

(7) Section 501(a)(2) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 12681(a)(2)) is amended—

(A) in the paragraph heading, by striking “C, D, AND H” and inserting “C, D, AND J”;;

(B) in subparagraph (A), by striking “subtitles C and H” and inserting “subtitles C and J”; and

(C) in subparagraph (B), by striking “subtitle H” and inserting “subtitle J”.

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—

(1) The table of contents in section 1(b) of such Act is amended—

(A) by striking the items relating to sections 115, 115A, 116, 116A, and 116B and inserting the following:

“Sec. 114A. Consideration of applications.

“Sec. 114B. Participation of students and teachers from private schools.

“Sec. 114C. Federal, State, and local contributions.

“Sec. 114D. Limitations on uses of funds.

“Sec. 114E. Definitions.”;

(B) by striking the item relating to the subpart heading of subpart C of part I of subtitle B of title I and inserting the following:

“SUBPART D—CLEARINGHOUSE”;

(C) by striking the item relating to the subpart heading of subpart B of part I of subtitle B of title I and inserting the following:

“SUBPART C—COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICE PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOL-AGE YOUTH”;

(D) by inserting after the items relating to subpart A of part I of subtitle B of title I the following:

“SUBPART B—YOUTH ENGAGEMENT AND SERVICE-LEARNING TO STRENGTHEN LOCAL COMMUNITIES

“Sec. 115. Grant program.”;

(E) by inserting after the items relating to part II of subtitle B of title I the following:

“PART III—CAMPUS OF SERVICE PROGRAM

“Sec. 119E. Campuses of Service.”;

(F) by inserting after the items relating to part III of subtitle B of title I (as added by subparagraph (E)) the following:

“PART IV—SERVICE-LEARNING IMPACT STUDY

“Sec. 119F. Study and report.”;

(G) by striking the item relating to the subtitle heading for subtitle I of title I and inserting the following:

“Subtitle K—American Conservation and Youth Corps”;

(H) by striking the item relating to the subtitle heading for subtitle H of title I and inserting the following:

“Subtitle J—Investment for Quality and Innovation”;

(I) by striking the item relating to the subtitle heading for subtitle G of title I and inserting the following:

“Subtitle I—Corporation for National and Community Service”;

(J) by striking the item relating to the subtitle heading for subtitle F of title I and inserting the following:

“Subtitle H—Administrative Provisions”;

(K) by inserting after the items relating to subtitle E of title I the following:

“Subtitle F—Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship

“PART I—COMMISSION ON CROSS SECTOR SOLUTIONS

“Sec. 167. Commission.

“PART II—COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS FUNDS

“Sec. 167A. Funds.

“PART III—INNOVATION FELLOWSHIPS PILOT PROGRAM

“Sec. 167B. Program.

“Subtitle G—ServeAmerica Corps

“Sec. 168. Corps.”;

(L) by adding at the end of the items relating to subtitle J (as so redesignated) of title I the following:

“Sec. 198E. ServeAmerica and Encore Fellowships.”;

and

(M) by adding at the end of the items relating to subtitle J (as so amended and redesignated) of title I the following:

“Sec. 198F. Volunteer Generation Fund.

“Sec. 198G. ServeAmerica Emergency Response Reserve Corps.

“Sec. 198H. Call To Service campaign.”.

TITLE II—VOLUNTEERS FOR PROSPERITY PROGRAM

SEC. 201. FINDINGS.

Congress makes the following findings:

(1) Americans engaged in international volunteer service, and the organizations deploying them—

(A) play critical roles in responding to the needs of people living throughout the developing world; and

(B) advance the international public diplomacy of the United States.

(2) The Volunteers for Prosperity Program has successfully promoted international volunteer service by skilled American professionals.

(3) In its first 4 years, the VfP Program helped to mobilize 74,000 skilled Americans, including doctors, nurses, engineers, businesspeople, and teachers, through a network of 250 nonprofit organizations and companies in the United States, to carry out development and humanitarian efforts for those affected by great global challenges in health, the environment, poverty, illiteracy, financial literacy, disaster relief, and other challenges.

(4) The VfP Program has undertaken activities, including—

(A) direct outreach to leading nonprofit organizations and companies in the United States;

(B) promotion of the work of skilled Americans and nonprofit organizations and companies in the United States as it relates to international volunteer service;

(C) public recognition of skilled American volunteers;

(D) support for organizations that utilize skilled Americans as volunteers;

(E) participation in the development of special initiatives to further opportunities for skilled Americans; and

(F) leadership of an innovative public-private partnership to provide eligible skilled with financial assistance for volunteer assignments.

SEC. 202. DEFINITIONS.

In this title:

(1) VFP OFFICE.—The term “VfP Office” means the Office of Volunteers for Prosperity of the United States Agency for International Development.

(2) VFP PROGRAM.—The term “VfP Program” means the Volunteers for Prosperity Program established through Executive Order 13317.

(3) VFP SERVE.—The term “VfPServe” means a program established by the VfP Office, in cooperation with the USA Freedom Corps and the Global Giving Foundation, to provide eligible skilled professionals with fixed amount stipends to offset the travel and living costs of volunteering abroad.

SEC. 203. OFFICE OF VOLUNTEERS FOR PROSPERITY.

(a) FUNCTIONS.—The VfP Office shall pursue the objectives of the VfP Program described in subsection (b) by—

(1) implementing the VfPServe Program to provide eligible skilled professionals with fixed amount stipends to offset the travel and living expenses of volunteering abroad with nonprofit organizations;

(2) otherwise promoting short- and long-term international volunteer service by skilled American professionals, including connecting such professionals with nonprofit organizations, to achieve such objectives;

(3) helping nonprofit organizations in the United States recruit and effectively manage additional skilled American professionals for volunteer assignments throughout the developing world;

(4) providing recognition for skilled American volunteers and the organizations employing them;

(5) helping nonprofit organizations and corporations in the United States to identify resources and opportunities in international volunteer service utilizing skilled Americans;

(6) encouraging the establishment of international volunteer programs for employees of United States corporations; and

(7) encouraging international voluntary service by highly skilled Americans to promote health and prosperity throughout the world.

(b) **VFP PROGRAM OBJECTIVES.**—The objectives of the VFP Program shall be to—

(1) eliminate extreme poverty;

(2) reduce world hunger and malnutrition;

(3) increase access to safe potable water;

(4) enact universal education;

(5) reduce child mortality and childhood diseases;

(6) combat the spread of preventable diseases, including HIV, malaria, and tuberculosis;

(7) provide educational and work skill support for girls and empowering women to achieve independence;

(8) create sustainable business and entrepreneurial opportunities; and

(9) increase access to information technology.

(c) **VOLUNTEERS FOR PROSPERITY SERVICE INCENTIVE PROGRAM.**—The VFP Office may provide fixed amount stipends to offset the travel and living costs of volunteering abroad to any individual who—

(1) has skills relevant to addressing any objective described in subsection (b); and

(2) provides a dollar-for-dollar match for such stipend—

(A) through the organization with which the individual is serving; or

(B) by raising private funds.

(d) **FUNDING.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of State, in consultation with the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, shall make available the amounts appropriated pursuant to section 204 to the VFP Office to pursue the objectives described in subsection (b) by carrying out the functions described in subsection (a).

(2) **USE OF FUNDS.**—Amounts made available under paragraph (1) may be used by the VFP Office to provide personnel and other resources to develop, manage, and expand the VFP Program, under the supervision of the United States Agency for International Development.

(e) **COORDINATION.**—The VFP Office shall coordinate its efforts with other public and private efforts that aim to send skilled professionals to serve in developing nations.

(f) **REPORT.**—The VFP Office shall submit an annual report to Congress on the activities of the VFP Office.

SEC. 204. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this title \$10,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2009 through 2013.

(b) **ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.**—Of the amounts appropriated pursuant to subsection (a)—

(1) 90 percent shall be expended to expand VFP Serve; and

(2) 10 percent shall be expended to manage the VFP Program.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 657—DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 13, 2008, AS “NATIONAL CELIAC DISEASE AWARENESS DAY”

Mr. NELSON of Nebraska (for himself and Mr. INHOFE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. RES. 657

Whereas celiac disease affects approximately 1 in every 130 people in the United States, for a total of 3,000,000 people;

Whereas the majority of people with celiac disease have yet to be diagnosed;

Whereas celiac disease is a chronic inflammatory disorder that is classified as both an autoimmune condition and a genetic condition;

Whereas celiac disease causes damage to the lining of the small intestine, which results in overall malnutrition;

Whereas, when a person with celiac disease consumes foods that contain certain protein fractions, that person suffers a cell-mediated immune response that damages the villi of the small intestine, interfering with the absorption of nutrients in food and the effectiveness of medications;

Whereas those problematic protein fractions are found in wheat, barley, rye, and oats, which are used to produce many foods, medications, and vitamins;

Whereas, because celiac disease is a genetic disease, there is an increased incidence of celiac disease in families with a known history of celiac disease;

Whereas celiac disease is underdiagnosed because the symptoms can be attributed to other conditions and are easily overlooked by doctors and patients;

Whereas, as recently as 2000, the average person with celiac disease waited 11 years for a correct diagnosis;

Whereas $\frac{1}{2}$ of all people with celiac disease do not show symptoms of the disease;

Whereas celiac disease is diagnosed by tests that measure the blood for abnormally high levels of the antibodies of immunoglobulin A, anti-tissue transglutaminase, and IgA anti-endomysium antibodies;

Whereas celiac disease can be treated only by implementing a diet free of wheat, barley, rye, and oats, often called a “gluten-free diet”;

Whereas a delay in the diagnosis of celiac disease can result in damage to the small intestine, which leads to an increased risk of malnutrition, anemia, lymphoma, adenocarcinoma, osteoporosis, miscarriage, congenital malformation, short stature, and disorders of the skin and other organs;

Whereas celiac disease is linked to many autoimmune disorders, including thyroid disease, systemic lupus erythematosus, type 1 diabetes, liver disease, collagen vascular disease, rheumatoid arthritis, and Sjogren's syndrome;

Whereas the connection between celiac disease and diet was first established by Dr. Samuel Gee, who wrote, “if the patient can be cured at all, it must be by means of diet”;

Whereas Dr. Samuel Gee was born on September 13, 1839; and

Whereas, by designating September 13, 2008, as National Celiac Disease Awareness Day, the Senate can raise awareness of celiac disease in the general public and the medical community; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates September 13, 2008, as “National Celiac Disease Awareness Day”;

(2) recognizes that all people in the United States should become more informed and aware of celiac disease;

(3) calls upon the people of the United States to observe the date with appropriate ceremonies and activities; and

(4) respectfully requests the Secretary of the Senate to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Celiac Sprue Association, the American Celiac Society, the Celiac Disease Foundation, the Gluten Intolerance Group of North America, and the Oklahoma Celiac Support Group No. 5 of the Celiac Sprue Association.

SENATE RESOLUTION 658—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT THE FORMER CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF FANNIE MAE SHOULD NOT RECEIVE LAVISH SEVERANCE PACKAGES AT TAXPAYER EXPENSE

Mr. NELSON of Nebraska submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

S. RES. 658

Whereas, on September 7, 2008 the Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae) and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac) were placed into conservatorship by the Federal Housing Finance Agency;

Whereas the Department of the Treasury has announced that up to \$200,000,000,000 of tax dollars will be invested in senior preferred stock of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, with billions more lent to the companies via the Government Sponsored Entity Credit Facility, and invested in mortgage backed securities issued by the companies;

Whereas the Federal Housing Finance Agency, as conservator, has all the rights, titles, powers, and privileges of the companies and of any stockholder, officer, or director of the companies, and has been charged with the duty to operate the companies;

Whereas media reports indicate that the former chief executive officers of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac may be paid severance packages worth a combined \$24,000,000 in pay, bonuses, and benefits;

Whereas these chief executive officers presided over Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac in the time that led to a taxpayer-funded rescue and Federal takeover, and should not be rewarded; and

Whereas the conservator of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac has a duty both to the stability of the financial markets, and to the best interest of the American taxpayer, whose dollars are being invested in the companies; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) the former chief executive officers who presided over the Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae) and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac) during the period that led to a Federal takeover should not be rewarded with lavish severance packages paid for by American taxpayers; and

(2) the severance packages of both former chief executive officers should be carefully examined and eliminated or reduced to an appropriate level.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 5498. Mr. NELSON, of Florida submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, to authorize