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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-5401**

January 28, 2013

The Honorable Seth D. Harris  
Acting Secretary  
U.S. Department of Labor  
200 Constitution Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20210

Dear Mr. Harris:

On Friday, January 25, 2013, you received a letter signed by 71 of my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives, requesting that you immediately place at least a 30-day moratorium on reducing student slots and suspending new enrollment in the Job Corps program. I intended to cosign that letter to express my support for the moratorium request. However, my signature was inadvertently omitted from that letter due to a clerical oversight. Therefore, I respectfully request that this letter serve as confirmation of my opposition to, and strong concern over, the Department's proposed reduction in student slots at seven specific Job Corps centers and the suspension of new enrollment at all 125 Job Corps centers that is scheduled to take effect today and remain in place through the end of the current program year on June 30, 2013.

I am informed that the Department has already agreed to reverse its decision to reduce student slots at the seven centers. I support this action and urge that the proposal to suspend new enrollment at all centers be similarly reconsidered. However, if the Department continues to insist on these program changes, I respectfully request that, at a minimum, it postpone its decision to implement them by no less than 30 days. Such a moratorium would allow time for positive engagement on this proposal with the communities served by Job Corps centers and consultation with Congress.

My district, Puerto Rico, is home to three of the nation's outstanding Job Corps centers: Arecibo, Barranquitas, and Ramey. I have witnessed the value of these Job Corps centers, and seen measurable results from the federal investment in the Job Corps program. The success of our youth who have been educated at, acquired lifelong career skills from, and secured employment through our Job Corps centers is a testament to the effectiveness of the Job Corps program, which is why any proposal to reduce enrollment ought to be subject to great scrutiny and close consultation with Congress.

I hope that you take my views on this matter into full account, consistent with all applicable law, regulations and guidelines. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Pierluisi".

Pedro R. Pierluisi  
Member of Congress

cc: The Honorable Jane Oates, Assistant Secretary of Employment and Training Administration  
The Honorable Ed Whitfield, Member of Congress  
The Honorable Jim Matheson, Member of Congress