



## Dannel P. Malloy

GOVERNOR  
STATE OF CONNECTICUT

March 7, 2013

The Honorable Seth D. Harris  
Acting Secretary of Labor  
Frances Perkins Building  
200 Constitution Ave NW  
Washington, DC 20210

Dear Acting Secretary Harris:

On behalf of the State of Connecticut, I wanted to express my support for one of the nation's largest jobs training programs: the Job Corps Centers. Since 1996, the Connecticut Job Corps Centers have exemplified the many possibilities resulting from the partnership between Connecticut and United States Departments of Labor.

These Jobs Corps Centers have provided a variety of services and have been critical to educating and training our state's at-risk youth. Experiences garnered at Jobs Corps have helped establish career opportunities and provided our students with the skills and abilities needed to fully integrate into Connecticut's workforce. These students define our future economy.

That is why I want to convey my concerns over the recently issued JCPIN #12-26, Temporary Suspension of New Student Enrollments, which could hurt Connecticut's young adults and the 140 hardworking employees at the Job Corps Centers. Rather than implement a freeze of new student enrollments at every center nationwide, the Employment and Training Administration should consider each Job Corp program on a case-by-case basis and allow centers that excel – like ours in New Haven and Hartford – to continue accepting new enrollments and providing critical job training skills that benefit those students, my state, and ultimately the national economy.

Since its inception, the State of Connecticut has strongly supported the Job Corps Program, and has been proud to share in the success of this program that has had such a significant impact on the lives of over 600 young adults annually. This partnership has delivered high-quality state services to the Job Corps Program by improving access and coordinating public and private sector services, programs, and jobs.

Through the Job Corps partnership, Connecticut convened state agencies – Departments of Children and Families and Social Services, the Bureau of Rehabilitative Services, and the Judicial Department – to bring together counselors and case managers to communicate with and assist clientele enrolled in the programs. Through these efforts, the state Department of Labor has been able to offer quality educational and employment opportunities, as well as developing and supporting many other programs that are housed at the Connecticut Jobs Corps Centers. This program is a vital part of our workforce training infrastructure.

As a governor, I am certainly aware of the challenges inherent in managing these types of programs and the budget constraints under which we all must operate; but I felt it important to share my strong support for the Job Corps Program. I have seen the benefits of this program for Connecticut's youth, and I hope that it will continue to be an integral part of workforce training and development. I hope that my administration can work with you to find a resolution that will help build our economy by training the workforce of tomorrow.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dannel P. Malloy", written over a faint, large outline of the state of Connecticut.

Dannel P. Malloy  
Governor