of total base compensation and benefits being provided to an at-risk employee group employee, excluding overtime and premium pay, as of April 1, 2020.

**SEC. ___02. PRIVATE-PUBLIC PARTNERSHIP.**

(a) AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS AND MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, to help ensure the continued retention of employees in the aviation manufacturing industry impacted by the COVID–19 public health emergency, the Secretary is authorized to partner with employers to supplement compensation of an at-risk employee group financially impacted by the COVID–19 public health emergency and to facilitate the effective economic recovery of the aviation manufacturing industry by entering into agreements with such employers and providing public partner contributions in accordance with this title. The public partner contributions made under such an agreement when combined with the private partner contribution, shall be in an amount sufficient to maintain the total compensation level for the at-risk employee group as of April 1, 2020, for a term to be agreed, but for a duration that is not longer than 1 year.

(b) PROCEDURES.—As soon as practicable, but in no case not later than 10 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall publish procedures for application and minimum eligibility requirements for participation in the private-public partnership program authorized under this title. Nothing in the preceding sentence shall be construed as prohibiting the Secretary from publishing such supplements to the initially published procedures as the Secretary determines necessary.

(c) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—Upon submission of an application, the Secretary may partner with an employer to provide to the employer a public partner contribution, that together with the private partner contribution, shall constitute an amount sufficient to maintain the total compensation level of the at-risk employee group, for a period not to exceed 1 year, if the Secretary determines that—

(1) the employer establishes that economic conditions as of the date of the application would make necessary a furlough or permanent reduction in force of a portion of its workforce devoted to aviation manufacturing;

(2) there is an identifiable at-risk employee group;

(3) the employer agrees to fund the private partner contribution for as long as it is accepting the public partner contribution (and, in the event circumstances dictate that the employer cease its participation in this program early, the employer agrees and shall notify the Secretary that there shall be no further obligation of the Secretary to fund the public partner contribution);

(4) the employer commits to refrain from any furlough or permanent reduction in force of employees in the at-risk employee group for as long as it accepts public partner contributions for that group, subject to the employer's right to discipline or terminate an employee in accordance with employer policy;

(5) the employer shall use the public and private partner contribution solely for the purpose of providing compensation and benefits of the at-risk employee group and for no other purpose; and

(6) the public and private partner contribution shall be utilized solely for compensation of United States-based employees.

(d) CONSIDERATIONS.—In determining whether to enter into a private-public partnership with an employer and the terms for such a partnership with a specific employer, the Secretary may consider—

(1) the relevant financial performance of the employer, including the extent to which the employer has experienced a deterioration in cash position, loss of revenue, and other relevant information;

(2) information regarding the likelihood the employer will need to impose a furlough or permanent reduction in force of employees in the at-risk employee group in the absence of the partnership and the factors that would be used to determine which employees in the at-risk employee group are likely to be so affected, including whether the selection of employees to be so affected would be based on a general reduction in headcount across the business or by location (or both), position, or other factors; and

(3) any other information the Secretary deems relevant to determining whether to enter into a private-public partnership with an employer or to the terms for such a partnership with a specific employer.

(e) NO LIMIT ON NUMBER AGREEMENTS WITH AN EMPLOYER.—An employer may seek and be granted public partner contributions under this title on multiple occasions.

(f) COORDINATION.—In implementing this section, the Secretary shall coordinate with the Secretary of Transportation and the Secretary of Commerce.

(g) AGREEMENT DEADLINE.—No agreement shall be entered into by the Secretary under the private-public partnership program authorized under this title after the end of the 1-year period that begins on the effective date for the first agreement entered into under such program.

**SEC. ___03. FUNDING.**

Out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there are appropriated to the Secretary $14,400,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2020 through 2021, to carry out this title.

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**SA 2625.** Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BLUNT, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CORNYN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. CASSIDY, and Mr. GRAHAM) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2499 proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL to the bill S. 178, to condemn gross human rights violations of ethnic Turkic Muslims in Xinjiang, and calling for an end to arbitrary detention, torture, and harassment of these communities inside and outside China; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**TITLE ___ CORPS ACT**

**SEC. ___ 1. SHORT TITLE.—**

This title may be cited as the ''Cultivating Opportunity and Response to the Pandemic through Service Act'' or the ''CORPS Act''.

**SEC. ___2. FINDINGS.**

Congress finds the following:

(1) The United States has a strong history of citizen response to national calls to service in order to help the Nation recover in times of crisis.

(2) More than 80 years ago, the Nation rose to the challenge of the Great Depression with the creation of citizen service programs like the Civilian Conservation Corps (referred to in this section as the ''CCC'') and the Works Progress Administration (referred to in this section as the ''WPA'').

(3) Millions of participants benefitted from paid employment and opportunities to develop their skills while constructing national parks and public lands infrastructure and producing cultural works still enjoyed today.

(4) Following decades of evolution, incorporating policies of both political parties, today's national service programs carry on the legacy of the CCC and WPA.

(5) Founded in 1990, the Corporation for National and Community Service today coordinates national service by individuals in the United States across every State and territory, partnering with State-level commissions and supporting locally driven services in partnership with nongovernmental organizations and State governments.

(6) National service programs provide public health, education, employment training, and nutrition services for which the Nation has a critical need in the current crisis.

(7) The signature programs of the Corporation for National and Community Service, which are the AmeriCorps State and National, AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps, AmeriCorps VISTA, and National Senior Service Corps programs, can and should be expanded to meet current needs.

(8) The novel coronavirus pandemic has infected and killed individuals in every State and territory, causing more than 2,000,000 cases and 115,000 deaths so far.

(9) In response, States, tribal governments, and cities across the country have closed down businesses, schools, and public events, leading to a dramatic drop in economic activity and a sharp projected decline in the United States economy.

(10) More than 40,000,000 applications for unemployment benefits have been filed in recent weeks, with weekly filings repeatedly exceeding historic record levels.

(11) More than 1 in every 10 adults in the United States has applied for unemployment insurance since the crisis began.

(12) The pandemic and the associated economic consequences have disproportionately impacted people of color across many States.

(13) To recover, the Nation also needs meaningful employment opportunities, as well as a significant expansion of the human capital working to address community needs around public health, behavioral health, hunger, education, and conservation.

(14) Experience has demonstrated the centrality of community participation in pandemic response, to overcome stigma and structural barriers and meet the full needs of all members of a diverse community.

(15) As the Nation works to respond to and recover from the current twin challenges of a public health pandemic and an economic crisis, national service presents a unique opportunity for flexible, locally driven responses to meet State and local public health, employment, and recovery needs.

**SEC. ___3. PURPOSES.**

The purposes of this title are—

(1) to provide for annual growth of 250,000 participants, over 3 years, in national service programs, such as the Public Land Corps (also known as the 21st Century Conservation Service Corps) programs and other AmeriCorps programs, that will provide services in response to the pandemic and economic crisis;

(2) to ensure that participant allowances cover the reasonable cost of participation and provide participants with economic and educational opportunity;

(3) to stabilize such national service programs during economic crisis; and

(4) to support opportunities for all individuals in the United States to engage in service.

**SEC. ___4. DEFINITIONS.**

(a) NCSA.—Section 101 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12511) is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraphs (13) through (16), (17) through (35), and (36) through (49), as paragraphs (14) through (17), (19) through (37), and (39) through (52), respectively;

(2) by inserting after paragraph (12) the following:

''(13) COVID–19 DEFINITIONS.—

''(A) COVID–19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND RECOVERY PERIOD.—The term 'COVID–19 emergency response and recovery period' means the period beginning on the first day of the COVID–19 public health emergency and ending at the end of fiscal year 2023.

''(B) COVID–19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.—The term 'COVID–19 public health emergency' means the public health emergency declared by the Secretary of Health and Human Services under section 319 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d) on January 31, 2020, with respect to COVID–19.'';

(3) by inserting after paragraph (17), as so redesignated, the following:

''(18) HIGH-POVERTY AREA.—The term 'high -poverty area' means a census tract defined as high-poverty by the Bureau of the Census.''; and

(4) by inserting after paragraph (37), as so redesignated, the following:

''(38) PUBLIC LAND CORPS.—The term 'Public Lands Corps' means the Corps established in section 204 of the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 (16 U.S.C. 1723).''.

(b) DVSA.—Section 421 of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 5061) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (19), by striking ''and'' after the semicolon;

(2) in paragraph (20), by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

''(21)(A) the term 'COVID–19 emergency response and recovery period' means the period beginning on the first day of the COVID–19 public health emergency and ending at the end of fiscal year 2023; and

''(B) the term 'COVID–19 public health emergency' means the public health emergency declared by the Secretary of Health and Human Services under section 319 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d) on January 31, 2020, with respect to COVID–19; and

''(22) the term 'Public Lands Corps' means the Corps established in section 204 of the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 (16 U.S.C. 1723).''.

**SEC. ___5. PRIORITIZING RESPONSE SERVICES.**

(a) AMERICORPS STATE AND NATIONAL.—

(1) NATIONAL SERVICE PRIORITIES.—Section 122(f) of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12572(f)) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) in subparagraph (A), by adding at the end the following: ''For fiscal years 2020 through 2023, the Corporation shall include, in the national service priorities, the priorities described in paragraph (5).''; and

(ii) in subparagraph (B), by adding at the end the following: ''For fiscal years 2020 through 2023, each State shall include, in the State priorities, the priorities described in paragraph (5).''; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

''(5) EMERGENCY PRIORITIES.—For fiscal years 2020 through 2023, the priorities established under paragraph (1) for national service programs shall provide that the Corporation and the States, as appropriate, shall give priority to entities submitting applications—

''(A) that propose activities directly related to the response to and recovery from the COVID–19 public health emergency, such as the provision of—

''(i) public health services, including support for isolation and quarantine activities;

''(ii) emergency logistics, such as the setup of alternate care sites;

''(iii) work that furthers the capacity of State (including territorial), tribal, and local health departments and the recommendations of the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;

''(iv) work that furthers the capacity of nonprofit and community organizations to respond to the immediate needs of individuals affected by COVID–19;

''(v) services that support economic opportunity;

''(vi) education, including enrichment and adult education and literacy activities;

''(vii) services to address housing and food insecurity; and

''(viii) jobs for youth in preserving and restoring nature;

''(B) who—

''(i) are—

''(I) current (as of the date of the application submission) or former recipients of financial assistance under the program for which the application is submitted; and

''(II) able to provide services directly related to the response and recovery described in subparagraph (A); or

''(ii) are—

''(I) community-based organizations located in the rural or high-poverty areas, or tribal communities, the organizations propose to serve; and

''(II) able to provide services directly related to the response and recovery described in subparagraph (A);

''(C) to the maximum extent practicable—

''(i) if the entities are proposing programs that serve, or proposing to give priority for positions to applicants from, underserved populations, such as individuals described in section 129(a)(1)(B) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3164(a)(1)(B)), minority individuals, individuals who have had contact with the juvenile justice system, Indians, veterans, and individuals whose abilities are not typical, such as individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities;

''(ii) especially if the entities propose recruiting applicants for positions to serve in the same metropolitan or micropolitan statistical area or county as the area or county, respectively, in which the applicants attended a secondary school or institution of higher education; and

''(iii) especially if the entities propose programs that serve populations in rural or high-poverty areas, or tribal communities; and

''(D) that propose to give priority for positions to applicants who—

''(i) were serving outside of the United States in the Peace Corps, the J. William Fulbright Educational Exchange Program referenced in section 112 of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2460), or the program under this subtitle, subtitle E, or part A of title I of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4951 et seq.); but

''(ii) ended their terms of service early, or returned to the United States before the end of their terms of service, due to the COVID–19 public health emergency.''.

(b) AMERICORPS NCCC.—Section 157 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12617) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)(1), by adding at the end the following:

''(C) SURGE CAPACITY AND PRIORITY PROJECTS.—

''(i) SURGE CAPACITY PROJECTS.—The Corporation and the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shall develop, and the Corporation shall approve, a proposal for public health surge capacity projects. In carrying out the projects, the Corporation and the Director shall develop and deploy public health surge capacity teams.

''(ii) PRIORITY PROJECTS.—For fiscal years 2020 through 2023, the Corporation shall give priority to entities submitting applications for projects under this subtitle in the same manner as the Corporation gives priority to entities submitting applications for national service programs under section 122(f)(5).''; and

(2) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking ''The campus'' and inserting ''Except as provided in paragraph (3), the campus''; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

''(3) SURGE CAPACITY AND PRIORITY PROJECTS.—The Corporation shall assign the projects described in clauses (i) and (ii) of subsection (b)(1)(C) to specified Corps campuses.''.

(c) AMERICORPS VISTA.—Section 109 of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4960) is amended by adding at the end the following: ''For fiscal years 2020 through 2023, the Corporation shall give priority to entities submitting applications for projects or programs under this part in the same manner as the Corporation gives priority to entities submitting applications for national service programs under section 122(f)(5) of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12572(f)(5)).''.

**SEC. ___6. STRENGTHENING OPPORTUNITY.**

(a) ALLOWANCES.—

(1) DOMESTIC VOLUNTEER SERVICE ACT OF 1973.—Section 105(b) of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4955(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(4) Notwithstanding paragraph (2), during the COVID–19 emergency response and recovery period, the Director shall set the subsistence allowance for volunteers under paragraph (1) for each fiscal year so that—

''(A) the minimum allowance is not less than an amount equal to 175 percent of such poverty line (as defined in section 673(2) of the Community Services Block Grant Act) for a single individual as expected for each fiscal year; and

''(B) the average subsistence allowance, excluding allowances for Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa, and Alaska, is not less than 185 percent of such poverty line.

''(5)(A) A stipend or allowance under this section or an allowance under section 140 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12594) shall not be increased as a result of amendments made by the Cultivating Opportunity and Response to the Pandemic through Service Act, or any other amendment made to this section or that section 140, respectively, unless the funds appropriated for carrying out this part or subtitle C of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12571 et seq.), respectively, are sufficient to maintain for the fiscal year involved a number of participants to serve under this part or that subtitle C, respectively, that is at least equal to the number of such participants so serving during the preceding fiscal year.

''(B) In the event that sufficient appropriations for any fiscal year (consistent with subparagraph (A)) are not available to increase any stipend or allowance under this section or allowance under section 140 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 to the minimum amount specified in this section or under that section 140, respectively, the Director shall increase the stipend or allowance involved to such amount as appropriations for such year permit consistent with subparagraph (A).''.

(2) NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ACT OF 1990.—Section 158 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12618) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(h) ADJUSTMENT TO MAXIMUM ALLOWANCE DURING COVID–19 RESPONSE AND RECOVERY

PERIOD.—Notwithstanding the limitation on the allowance amount specified in subsection (b), during the COVID–19 emergency response and recovery period, the amount of the allowance that the Director shall establish pursuant to that subsection shall be any amount not in excess of the amount equal to 175 percent of the poverty line that is applicable to a family of 2 (as defined by the Office of Management and Budget and revised annually in accordance with section 673(2) of the Community Services Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9902(2))).''.

(b) NATIONAL SERVICE EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.—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:

''(f) ADJUSTMENT TO EDUCATIONAL AWARD DURING THE COVID–19 RESPONSE AND RECOVERY.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsection (a), an individual described in section 146(a) who successfully completes a required term of full-time national service in an approved national service position during the COVID–19 emergency response and recovery period shall receive a national service educational award having a value equal to twice the maximum amount of a Federal Pell Grant under section 401 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a) that a student eligible for such Grant may receive in the aggregate (without regard to whether the funds are provided through discretionary or mandatory appropriations), for the award year for which the national service position is approved by the Corporation.

''(2) LESS THAN FULL-TIME SERVICE.—Notwithstanding subsections (b) and (c), an individual described in section 146(a) who successfully completes a required term of part-time national service in an approved national service position during the COVID–19 response and recovery period, or who is serving in an approved national service position and is released, during that period, in accordance with section 139(c)(1)(A) from completing the full-time or part-time term of service agreed to by the individual, shall receive that portion of the national service educational award calculated under paragraph (1) that corresponds to the quantity of the term of service actually completed by the individual.

''(3) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term 'institution of higher education' has the meaning given the term in section 148(h).''.

(c) TAX PROVISIONS.—

(1) INCOME TAX EXCLUSION FOR LIVING ALLOWANCE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Part III of subchapter B of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by inserting after section 139H the following new section:

**''SEC. 139I. LIVING ALLOWANCE FOR NATIONAL SERVICE PARTICIPANTS.**

''Gross income does not include the amount of any living allowance provided under section 105(b) of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4955(b)) or section 140(a) or 158(b) of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12594(a), 12618(b)).''.

(B) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for part III of subchapter B of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 139H the following new item:

''Sec. 139I. Living allowance for national service participants.''.

(C) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this paragraph shall apply to taxable years beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(2) EXCLUSION FROM GROSS INCOME OF NATIONAL SERVICE EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Section 117 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to qualified scholarships) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

''(e) NATIONAL SERVICE EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.—Gross income shall not include any payments from the National Service Trust established under section 145 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12601), including the national service educational award described in subtitle D of title I of such Act (42 U.S.C. 12601 et seq.).''.

(B) EXCLUSION OF DISCHARGE OF STUDENT LOAN DEBT.—Subsection (f) of section 108 of such Code is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

''(6) PAYMENTS UNDER NATIONAL SERVICE EDUCATIONAL AWARD PROGRAMS.—In the case of an individual, gross income shall not include any amount received as a national service educational award under subtitle D of title I of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12601 et seq.).''.

(C) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this paragraph shall apply to taxable years ending after the date of the enactment of this Act.

**SEC. ___7. INVITING PARTICIPATION.**

(a) COORDINATION WITH OTHER YOUTH PROGRAMS.—Section 193A of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12651d) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(j) COORDINATION WITH OTHER YOUTH PROGRAMS.—

''(1) COVERED PROGRAMS.—The term 'covered program' means—

''(A) the YouthBuild program carried out by the Secretary of Labor under section 171 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3226);

''(B) the program of the Indian Youth Service Corps under section 210 of the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 (16 U.S.C. 1727b);

''(C) a youth conservation corps program under title I of the Act entitled 'An Act to establish a pilot program in the Departments of the Interior and Agriculture designated as the Youth Conservation Corps, and for other purposes', approved August 13, 1970 (commonly known as the 'Youth Conservation Corps Act of 1970'; 16 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.); and

''(D) the National Guard Youth Challenge Program under section 509 of title 32, United States Code.

''(2) COORDINATION.—The Chief Executive Officer, in coordination with the Federal agency representatives for covered programs, shall develop a plan and make recommendations in the plan to improve coordination between covered programs and programs of the Corporation to meet the needs of underserved youth, such as economically disadvantaged youth, minority youth, youth who left school without a secondary school diploma, formerly incarcerated or court-involved youth, youth who are children of an incarcerated parent, youth in foster care (including youth aging out of foster care), migrant youth, and other youth who are neither enrolled in secondary or postsecondary school or participating in the labor market.''.

(b) PLATFORM FOR NATIONAL SENIOR SERVICE CORPS.—Title IV of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 is amended—

(1) by redesignating section 421 (42 U.S.C. 5061), as amended by section ___4(b), as section 401;

(2) by moving that section 401 so as to follow the title heading for title IV; and

(3) by inserting after section 420 (42 U.S.C. 5059) the following:

**''SEC. 421. ONLINE SERVICE PLATFORM.**

''(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation shall establish an online service platform with a gateway to connect volunteers in the National Senior Service Corps with service projects and enable the volunteers to carry out distance volunteer services. The platform shall be linked to and placed prominently on the website of the Corporation. The Corporation may enter into a contract with a public entity to create the platform.

''(b) TRAINING RESOURCES AND INFORMATION.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—The Corporation shall provide training resources, information, and guidance for the volunteers on the platform.

''(2) INFORMATION.—The Corporation shall provide information to regional offices of the Corporation about how to get volunteers in the National Senior Service Corps connected to the platform through the gateway.

''(3) GUIDANCE.—The Corporation shall issue guidance for the regional offices about how to transfer the programs of the National Senior Service Corps to the platform.

''(4) OUTREACH.—The Corporation shall provide outreach services to promote the platform including outreach to institutions of higher education, the Department of Veterans Affairs for mentorship projects, and State and local governments for community engagement projects.''.

(c) OUTREACH AND PROMOTION CAMPAIGN.—Section 193A(g) of such Act is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(4) OUTREACH AND PROMOTION CAMPAIGN.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out public awareness functions under this subsection, the Corporation shall carry out an outreach and promotion campaign to promote programs under the national service laws with opportunities to respond to the COVID–19 public health emergency, with the goal of maximizing awareness of those programs among individuals ages 17 through 30.

''(B) REPORT.—The Corporation shall prepare and submit to Congress a report that—

''(i) evaluates the outreach and promotion campaign; and

''(ii) contains—

''(I) an analysis of the measures and resources that would be required for the Corporation effectively to notify individuals who are ages 17 through 30 every 2 years of opportunities under the national service laws and steps to take to apply for those opportunities;

''(II) a description of how the Corporation would ensure those measures would enable the Corporation to provide that notification to targeted individuals from diverse geographic areas, including individuals who are ages 17 through 30 living in rural or high-poverty areas, or tribal communities; and

''(III) a recommendation regarding whether the Corporation should make the notifications described in subclause (I).''.

(d) VOLUNTEER GENERATION FUND.—Section 198P(d)(2) of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12653p(d)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the following: ''With respect to grants made with funds appropriated as an additional amount under section 501(a)(4)(F), the minimum grant amount shall be not less than $250,000.''.

**SEC. ___8. ENSURING AGILITY.**

(a) WAIVER OF MATCHING FUNDS REQUIREMENTS.—Section 189A of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12645d) is amended—

(1) in the section heading, by inserting ''**; MATCHING FUNDS DURING COVID–19 RESPONSE AND RECOVERY PERIOD**'' after ''**COMMUNITIES**''; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

''(c) COVID–19 RESPONSE.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an entity that receives assistance from the Corporation for any program under the national

service laws (including a State Commission and an entity receiving subgrant funds) during the COVID–19 emergency response and recovery period shall not be subject to any requirements to provide matching funds for any such program, and the Federal share of such assistance for a recipient (including for a State Commission and a subgrant recipient) may be 100 percent.''.

(b) PILOT PROGRAM.—Section 126 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12576) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(d) DIRECT PLACEMENTS DURING THE COVID–19 RESPONSE AND RECOVERY PERIOD.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 178(h), during the COVID–19 emergency response and recovery period, the Corporation shall implement a pilot program allowing State Commissions to directly place a portion of individuals who have approved national service positions in State national service programs in a manner to be determined by the Corporation.

''(2) PRIORITIES.—State Commissions participating in the pilot program shall, to the extent practicable, prioritize the placement of individuals in national service programs that serve rural or high-poverty areas, or tribal communities, especially such programs carried out by entities that have not previously been service sponsors for participants.

''(3) REPORT.—The Corporation shall prepare and submit a report to Congress at the end of the pilot program described in paragraph (1), containing recommendations about whether and how to continue such a program of direct placements.''.

(c) NO SUMMER LIMITATION DURING COVID–19 RESPONSE AND RECOVERY PERIOD.—Section 104 of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4954) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(f)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this part, during the COVID–19 emergency response and recovery period, the Director may enroll full-time VISTA associates in a program, during any months of the year, under such terms and conditions as the Director shall determine to be appropriate. Such individuals shall be assigned to projects that address the needs of underserved communities as a result of the COVID–19 public health emergency.

''(2) In preparing reports relating to programs under this Act, the Director shall report on participants, costs, and accomplishments under the program under this subsection separately.

''(3) The limitation on funds appropriated for grants and contracts, as contained in section 108, shall not apply to the program under this subsection.''.

(d) VISTA LIMITATION APPLICABILITY.—Section 108 of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4958) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking ''Of funds appropriated'' and inserting ''Subject to subsection (c), of funds appropriated''; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

''(c) RULE FOR COVID–19 RESPONSE AND RECOVERY PERIOD.—Notwithstanding subsection (a), during the COVID–19 emergency response and recovery period, in order to address the needs of underserved communities related to the COVID–19 pandemic, of funds appropriated for the purpose of this part under section 501, not more than 75 percent may be obligated for the direct cost of supporting volunteers in programs and projects (including new programs and projects that begin after the date of enactment of the Cultivating Opportunity and Response to the Pandemic through Service Act) carried out pursuant to this part, and such funds may be obligated regardless of when grant recipients commenced such programs and projects.''.

(e) AUGMENTATION AND EXPANSION GRANTS.—Title IV of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12671) is amended—

(1) by striking the title IV title heading and all that follows through the section heading for section 401 and inserting the following:

**''TITLE IV—RESPONSE PROJECTS**

**''SEC. 401. PROJECTS HONORING VICTIMS OF TERRORIST ATTACKS.'';**

and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

**''SEC. 402. COVID–19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND RECOVERY PERIOD AUGMENTATION AND EXPANSION GRANTS.**

''During the COVID–19 emergency response and recovery period, the Corporation may award noncompetitive augmentation and expansion grants, at such time and in such manner as the Corporation determines appropriate.''.

(f) TERM OF SERVICE DURING COVID–19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND RECOVERY PERIOD.—Section 146 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12602) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(g) TERM OF SERVICE DURING COVID–19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND RECOVERY PERIOD.—Notwithstanding the aggregate value limit described in subsection (c), during the COVID–19 emergency response and recovery period, a participant who received 2 national service educational awards for terms of service concluding before the end of fiscal year 2020 may, as determined by the Corporation, be eligible for an additional term of service and, on the successful completion of that term, a third national service educational award.''.

(g) INCREASE IN LIMITATION ON GRANT AMOUNTS.—

(1) INCREASE IN LIMITATION ON TOTAL GRANT AMOUNT DURING EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND RECOVERY PERIOD.—Section 189 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12645c) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(f) INCREASE IN LIMITATION ON TOTAL GRANT AMOUNT DURING COVID–19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND RECOVERY PERIOD.—Notwithstanding the limits described in subsections (a) and (e), during the COVID–19 emergency response and recovery period, the amount of funds approved by the Corporation for a grant to operate a program authorized under the national service laws, for supporting individuals serving in approved national service positions, may not exceed, for each full-time equivalent position—

''(1) an amount equal to the sum of—

''(A) $7,500; and

''(B) the living allowance established under section 140(a) (including any adjustment attributable to section 105(b)(4) of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4955(b))); or

''(2) for a grant for a program meeting the requirements described in subsection (e), an amount equal to the sum of—

''(A) $10,000; and

''(B) the living allowance established under section 140(a) (including any adjustment referred to in paragraph (1)(B)).''.

(2) WAIVER AUTHORITY FOR INCREASED LIMITATION.—Section 189(e)(1) of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12645c(e)(1)) is amended by striking ''$19,500'' and inserting ''an amount equal to the sum of $10,000 and the living allowance established under section 140(a) (including any adjustment referred to in subsection (f)(1)(B))''.

(h) INCREASE IN LIMITATION ON TOTAL GRANT AMOUNT FOR EDUCATIONAL AWARD ONLY PROGRAM DURING COVID–19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND RECOVERY PERIOD.—Section 129A of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12581a) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(g) INCREASE IN LIMITATION ON TOTAL GRANT AMOUNT FOR EDUCATIONAL AWARD ONLY PROGRAM DURING COVID–19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND RECOVERY PERIOD.—Notwithstanding the limit described in subsection (b), during the COVID–19 emergency response and recovery period, the Corporation may provide the operational support under this section for a program in an amount that is not more than $1,600 per individual enrolled in an approved national service position, or not more than $2,000 per such individual if at least 50 percent of the persons enrolled in the program are disadvantaged youth.''.

(i) SEASONAL PROGRAM.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL CIVILIAN COMMUNITY CORPS PROGRAM.—Section 152(b)(2) of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12612(b)(2)) is amended by striking ''summer'' and inserting ''seasonal''.

(2) SEASONAL NATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAM.—Section 154 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12614) is amended—

(A) in the section heading by striking ''**SUMMER**'' and inserting ''**SEASONAL**'';

(B) in subsection (a), by striking ''summer'' and inserting ''seasonal'';

(C) in subsection (b), by striking ''50 percent of the participants in the summer'' and inserting ''35 percent of the participants in the seasonal''; and

(D) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the following:

''(c) SEASONAL PROGRAM.—Persons desiring to participate in the seasonal national service program shall enter into an agreement with the Director to participate in the Corps for a period of not less than 3 months and not more than 6 months, as specified by the Director.''.

(j) NATIONAL SENIOR SERVICE CORPS.—Part D of title II of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 5021 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

**''SEC. 229. COVID–19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND RECOVERY PERIOD.**

''(a) AGE REQUIREMENTS.—Notwithstanding section 201(a), during the COVID–19 emergency response and recovery period, in order to address the critical needs of local communities across the country as a result of the COVID–19 pandemic, individuals who are 45 years of age or older may be enrolled as volunteers to provide services under part A.

''(b) INCOME REQUIREMENTS.—Notwithstanding section 211(d), during the COVID–19 emergency response and recovery period, the terms 'low-income person' and 'person of low income' under such section shall mean any person whose income is not more than 400 percent of the poverty line defined in section 673(2) of the Community Services Block Grant (42 U.S.C. 9902(2)) and adjusted by the Director in the manner described in such section.''.

(k) FLEXIBILITY.—

(1) POLICY OF MAXIMIZING FLEXIBILITY.—It is the sense of the Senate that, in carrying out activities under this title, the Corporation for National and Community Service should, consistent with the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4950 et seq.) and the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12501), maximize the flexibility of State Commissions (as defined in section 101 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 12511)) to award and amend grants, consistent with the purposes of this title, and to rapidly enroll new individuals to serve in programs under the national service laws.

(2) REPORT ON ACTIVITIES TO MAXIMIZE FLEXIBILITY.—Not later than 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act, and in consultation with such State Commissions,

the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service shall prepare and submit to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives a report containing recommendations on what additional actions to maximize flexibility for such State Commissions would strengthen the work of State Commissions and their grantees.

(l) FURTHER EXPEDITING RAPID ENROLLMENT.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service shall review the Corporation's capacity and shall prepare and submit a report to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives containing information about whether a new unit within the Corporation for National and Community Service should be established to provide additional assistance or manage the enrollment process to ensure compliance with sections 189D and 199I of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12645g; 12655i) for incoming participants in national service programs, particularly new national service programs receiving program assistance for the first time.

**SEC. ___9. AUTHORIZATIONS OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

(a) AMERICORPS STATE AND NATIONAL; EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 501(a)(2) of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12681(a)(2)) is amended by striking ''fiscal years 2010 through 2014'' and all that follows and inserting ''fiscal year 2020, in addition to any amount appropriated before the date of enactment of the Cultivating Opportunity and Response to the Pandemic through Service Act, additional amounts of—

''(A) $10,300,000,000, to provide financial assistance under subtitle C of title I; and

''(B) $3,659,000,000, to provide national service educational awards under subtitle D of title I for the total of the number of participants described in section 121(f)(1) for fiscal years 2020 through 2023.''.

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 121(f)(1) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 12571(f)(1)) of such Act is amended by striking subparagraphs (A), (B) and (C) and inserting the following:

''(A) increase the number of positions to 250,000 per year by fiscal year 2023; and

''(B) ensure that the increase described in subparagraph (A) is achieved through an appropriate balance of full- and part-time service positions;''.

(b) AMERICORPS NCCC.—Section 501(a)(3)(A) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 12681(a)(3)(A)) is amended by striking ''such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2014.'' and inserting ''in addition to any amount appropriated before the date of enactment of the Cultivating Opportunity and Response to the Pandemic through Service Act an additional amount of $592,000,000 for fiscal year 2020.''.

(c) VOLUNTEER GENERATION FUND.—Section 501(a)(4) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 12681(a)(4)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A), by striking ''for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2014'' and inserting ''for fiscal year 2020''; and

(2) in subparagraph (F), by striking ''section 198P—'' and all that follows and inserting ''in addition to any amount appropriated before the date of enactment of the Cultivating Opportunity and Response to the Pandemic through Service Act, an additional amount of $50,000,000 for fiscal year 2020.''.

(d) ADMINISTRATION BY THE CORPORATION AND STATE COMMISSIONS.—Section 501(a)(5) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 12681(a)(5)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A), by striking ''such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2014.'' and inserting ''in addition to any amount appropriated before the date of enactment of the Cultivating Opportunity and Response to the Pandemic through Service Act, an additional amount of $754,000,000 for fiscal year 2020.'';

(2) in subparagraph (B), by striking ''for a fiscal year, a portion'' and inserting ''a portion (from the amounts appropriated under subparagraph (A) before the date of enactment of the Cultivating Opportunity and Response to the Pandemic through Service Act, and an additional portion of $158,000,000,''; and

(3) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

''(C) OUTREACH AND PROMOTION CAMPAIGN FOR COVID–19 RESPONSE OPPORTUNITIES.—Of the amounts appropriated under subparagraph (A), $10,000,000 shall be made available to carry out an outreach and promotion campaign under section 193A(g)(4).''.

(e) AMERICORPS VISTA.—Section 501 of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 5081) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking ''$100,000,000 for fiscal year 2010 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2011 through 2014.'' and inserting '', in addition to any amount appropriated before the date of enactment of the Cultivating Opportunity and Response to the Pandemic through Service Act, an additional amount of $1,100,000,000 for fiscal year 2020.''; and

(2) in subsection (d), by striking the period and inserting '', except that any additional amount appropriated under an amendment made by the Cultivating Opportunity and Response to the Pandemic through Service Act shall remain available for obligation through fiscal year 2023.''.

(f) NATIONAL SENIOR SERVICE CORPS.—Section 502 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 5082) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(e) ONLINE SERVICE RESOURCES.—There are authorized to be appropriated, to develop online service resources to carry out parts A, B, C, and E of title II, $5,000,000 for fiscal year 2020.''.

**SEC. __10. TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

(a) NCSA.—The table of contents in section 1(b) of the National Community Service Act of 1990 is amended—

(1) by striking the item relating to section 154 and inserting the following:

''Sec. 154. Seasonal national summer program.'';

(2) by striking the item relating to section 189A and inserting the following:

''Sec. 189A. Matching requirements for severely economically distressed communities; matching funds during COVID–19 response and recovery period.'';

and

(3) by striking the item relating to the title heading for title IV and all that follows through the item relating to section 401 and inserting the following:

''TITLE IV—RESPONSE PROJECTS

''Sec. 401. Projects honoring victims of terrorist attacks.

''Sec. 402. COVID–19 emergency response and recovery period augmentation and expansion grants.''.

(b) DVSA.—The table of contents in section 1(b) of the National Community Service Act of 1990 is amended—

(1) in the items relating to part D of title II, by adding at the end the following:

''Sec. 229. COVID–19 emergency response and recovery period.'';

(2) by inserting after the item relating to the title heading for title IV the following:

''Sec. 401. Definitions.'';

and

(3) by striking the item relating to section 421 and inserting the following:

''Sec. 421. Online service platform.''.

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**SA 2626.** Mr. TOOMEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2499 proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL to the bill S. 178, to condemn gross human rights violations of ethnic Turkic Muslims in Xinjiang, and calling for an end to arbitrary detention, torture, and harassment of these communities inside and outside China; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**SEC. ___. TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF DUTIES ON ARTICLES NEEDED TO COMBAT THE COVID–19 PANDEMIC.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—An article described in subsection (b) entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, during the period specified in subsection (c) shall enter the United States free of duty, including free of any duty that may be imposed as a penalty or otherwise imposed in addition to other duties, including any duty imposed pursuant to—

(1) section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2411);

(2) section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 (19 U.S.C. 1862); or

(3) the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.).

(b) ARTICLES DESCRIBED.—An article is described in this subsection if the article is classified under any of the following statistical reporting numbers of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States or is identified by the United States International Trade Commission, after the date of the enactment of this Act, as an article related to the response to the COVID–19 pandemic:

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| 2847.00.0000 | 3923.29.0000 | 8421.39.8040 |
| 3002.13.0000 | 3926.20.1010 | 8705.90.0000 |
| 3002.14.0000 | 3926.20.1020 | 8713.10.0000 |
| 3002.15.0000 | 3926.20.9010 | 8713.90.0030 |
| 3002.19.0000 | 3926.20.9050 | 8713.90.0060 |
| 3002.20.0000 | 3926.90.9910 | 9004.90.0000 |
| 3003.10.0000 | 3926.90.9990 | 9018.11.3000 |
| 3003.20.0000 | 3926.90.9996 | 9018.11.6000 |
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| 3004.10.5060 | 4015.90.0010 | 9018.31.0040 |
| 3004.20.0020 | 4015.90.0050 | 9018.31.0080 |
| 3004.20.0030 | 4818.50.0000 | 9018.31.0090 |
| 3004.20.0060 | 4818.90.0000 | 9018.32.0000 |
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| 3004.90.9285 | 6210.10.9040 | 9018.90.7580 |
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| 3006.70.0000 | 6307.90.6090 | 9020.00.9000 |
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| 3401.20.0000 | 6307.90.8910 | 9025.19.8080 |
| 3808.94.1000 | 6307.90.9889 | 9026.80.4000 |
| 3808.94.5000 | 6505.00.0100 | 9027.80.2500 |
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