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To amend the National and Community Service Act of 1990 to establish a Civilian Climate Corps to help communities respond to climate change and transition to a clean economy, and for other purposes.

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A BILL

To amend the National and Community Service Act of 1990 to establish a Civilian Climate Corps to help communities respond to climate change and transition to a clean economy, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Civilian Climate Corps
5 for Jobs and Justice Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) The effects of climate change include ex-
9 treme heat, drought, intensified storms and hurri-
10 canes, rising sea level, ocean acidification, inten-
11 sifying wildfires, and other natural disasters.

12 (2) These natural disasters exert profound im-
13 pacts on the lives and livelihoods of all individuals,
14 but some communities, particularly low-income com-
15 munities and communities of color, are dispropor-
16 tionately exposed and vulnerable to climate impacts
17 and pollution.

18 (3) To stem the worst effects of climate change,
19 the global economy must completely decarbonize and
20 remain carbon negative thereafter, which requires a
21 domestic economy-wide transition to a clean and
22 sustainable economy within a rapid timeframe.

23 (4) Such a transition requires a massive labor
24 mobilization and the development of a diverse, inclu-
25 sive, and skilled workforce. Historically underserved

1 communities must equitably receive the resources
2 they need to effectively mitigate and adapt to cli-
3 mate change, and displaced or unemployed workers
4 require retraining and support.

5 (5) Millions of people face unemployment and
6 barriers to opportunity, especially in low-income
7 rural, urban, and tribal environments. These chal-
8 lenges have been exacerbated by the COVID–19 cri-
9 sis, which also disproportionately affected low-in-
10 come people and young people of color, who cur-
11 rently face unemployment at rates double the na-
12 tional average.

13 (6) An existing network of national, State, trib-
14 al, and local service and conservation corps can be
15 rapidly scaled and supplemented to mobilize labor,
16 provide job opportunities and career training, and
17 help establish the workforce necessary to accomplish
18 the transition to a clean and just economy.

19 (7) Corps positions provide hands-on work ex-
20 perience, income, and job training for unemployed
21 individuals in the United States, as well as leader-
22 ship skills, an opportunity for community service,
23 and an understanding of environmental stewardship.

24 (8) The Corporation for National and Commu-
25 nity Service has the ability to recruit, select, fund,

1 and oversee 1,500,000 members of service corps by
2 2028 to complete important projects across the en-
3 tire country to help address the climate crisis.

4 (9) Unsatisfactory wages and working condi-
5 tions, and employers' refusal to respect workers'
6 rights to organize and collectively bargain, lead to
7 labor disputes, which threaten to frustrate or delay
8 the urgent mobilization necessary to address climate
9 change. Such disputes are prevented or minimized
10 when the law effectively protects the right of workers
11 to receive fair compensation and benefits, to form or
12 join unions, to collectively bargain over the terms
13 and conditions of employment, and to engage in
14 other concerted activities for mutual aid or protec-
15 tion.

16 **SEC. 3. CIVILIAN CLIMATE CORPS PROGRAM.**

17 Title I of the National and Community Service Act
18 of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12511 et seq.) is amended by adding
19 at the end the following:

20 **“Subtitle K—Civilian Climate**
21 **Corps**

22 **“SEC. 1990. PURPOSE; DEFINITIONS.**

23 “(a) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this subtitle
24 to—

1 “(1) add to and increase the scale of the exist-
2 ing network of service programs to complete clean
3 energy, climate resilience, conservation, environ-
4 mental remediation, and sustainable infrastructure
5 projects necessary to respond to and solve the cli-
6 mate crisis, while providing education, workforce de-
7 velopment, and career pathways to participants, with
8 a focus on historically underserved communities; and

9 “(2) authorize the operation of, support for,
10 and assistance to service programs that meet na-
11 tional and community needs related to climate
12 change, clean energy, and environmental justice.

13 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this subtitle:

14 “(1) ADVISORY BOARD.—The term ‘advisory
15 board’ means the Civilian Climate Corps Advisory
16 Board established in section 199X.

17 “(2) DIRECTOR.—The term ‘Director’ means
18 the Director appointed under section 199V(c)(1).

19 “(3) INDIAN COUNTRY.—The term ‘Indian
20 country’ has the meaning given that term in section
21 1151 of title 18, United States Code.

22 “(4) JOB CORPS.—The term ‘Job Corps’ means
23 the Job Corps described in section 143 of the Work-
24 force Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C.
25 3193).

1 “(5) UNDER-RESOURCED COMMUNITY OF
2 NEED.—The term ‘under-resourced community of
3 need’ means—

4 “(A) a community with significant rep-
5 resentation of communities of color, low-income
6 communities, or tribal and indigenous commu-
7 nities, that experiences, or is at risk of experi-
8 encing, higher or more adverse human health or
9 environmental effects, as compared to other
10 communities;

11 “(B) a community in Indian country;

12 “(C) a community facing economic transi-
13 tion, deindustrialization, and historic under-
14 investment; or

15 “(D) a community with a high rate of pov-
16 erty or unemployment, as determined by the Di-
17 rector in consultation with the advisory board
18 and appropriate Federal resources identifying
19 environmental justice communities.

20 **“SEC. 199P. ESTABLISHMENT OF A CIVILIAN CLIMATE**
21 **CORPS.**

22 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Corporation shall establish
23 the Civilian Climate Corps to carry out the purpose of this
24 subtitle.

1 “(b) PROGRAM COMPONENTS.—The Civilian Climate
2 Corps authorized by subsection (a) shall operate two pro-
3 gram components:

4 “(1) A national climate service program de-
5 scribed in section 199Q, for which 66 percent of the
6 funds appropriated to carry out this subtitle shall be
7 made available for operation and administrative ex-
8 penses.

9 “(2) A national climate service grant program
10 described in section 199R, for which 34 percent of
11 the funds appropriated to carry out this subtitle
12 shall be made available for operation and adminis-
13 trative expenses.

14 **“SEC. 199Q. NATIONAL CLIMATE SERVICE PROGRAM.**

15 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Under the national climate serv-
16 ice program component of the Civilian Climate Corps es-
17 tablished by section 199P(b)(1), participants shall work
18 in teams on Civilian Climate Corps projects.

19 “(b) ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS.—An individual shall
20 be eligible for selection for the national climate service
21 program if the individual is, or will be, at least 17 years
22 of age on or before December 31 of the calendar year in
23 which the individual enrolls in the program, regardless of
24 immigration status.

1 “(c) DIVERSE BACKGROUND OF PARTICIPANTS;
2 GENDER REPRESENTATION.—

3 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In selecting individuals for
4 the national climate service program, the Director
5 shall ensure that eligible participants are from eco-
6 nomically, geographically, and ethnically diverse
7 backgrounds. The Director shall take appropriate
8 steps to recruit and select participants such that not
9 less than 50 percent of participants are from under-
10 resourced communities of need.

11 “(2) SERVICE IN COMMUNITIES OF ORIGIN.—To
12 the extent practicable, the Director shall ensure that
13 participants are provided opportunities to perform
14 service in their communities of origin if desired.

15 “(3) GENDER REPRESENTATION.—To the
16 greatest extent practicable, the Director shall ensure
17 inclusion and representation of all genders among
18 participants.

19 “(4) RURAL REPRESENTATION.—To the great-
20 est extent practicable, the Director shall ensure in-
21 clusion and representation of participants from
22 counties with a population of less than 50,000 resi-
23 dents.

24 “(d) PERIOD OF PARTICIPATION.—Individuals desir-
25 ing to participate in the national service program shall

1 enter into an agreement with the Director to participate
2 in the Civilian Climate Corps for a period of not less than
3 nine months and not more than one year, as specified by
4 the Director. Individuals may renew the agreement for not
5 more than one additional such period, with any number
6 of years between periods of service.

7 “(e) DIRECTOR.—Upon the establishment of the Ci-
8 vilian Climate Corps, the Civilian Climate Corps national
9 climate service program shall be under the direction of the
10 Director.

11 “(f) MEMBERSHIP IN CIVILIAN CLIMATE CORPS.—

12 “(1) SELECTION OF MEMBERS.—The Director
13 or the Director’s designee shall select individuals for
14 participation within the national climate service pro-
15 gram, which shall grant the individual membership
16 within the Civilian Climate Corps.

17 “(2) APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.—To be
18 selected to become a member of the Civilian Climate
19 Corps through the national climate service program,
20 an individual shall submit an application to the Di-
21 rector or to any other office as the Director may
22 designate, at such time, in such manner, and con-
23 taining such information as the Director shall re-
24 quire. At a minimum, the application shall contain
25 sufficient information to enable the Director, or the

1 campus director of the appropriate campus, to deter-
2 mine whether selection of the applicant for member-
3 ship in the Civilian Climate Corps is appropriate.

4 “(3) TEAM LEADERS.—

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Director may se-
6 lect individuals with prior supervisory or service
7 experience to be team leaders within units in
8 the Civilian Climate Corps national climate
9 service program, to perform service that in-
10 cludes leading and supervising teams of Civilian
11 Climate Corps members.

12 “(B) RIGHTS AND BENEFITS.—A team
13 leader shall be provided the same rights and
14 benefits applicable to other Civilian Climate
15 Corps members, except that the Director may
16 increase the limitation on the amount of the liv-
17 ing allowance under section 199S(b) for a team
18 leader.

19 “(g) ORGANIZATION OF NATIONAL CLIMATE SERV-
20 ICE PROGRAM INTO UNITS.—

21 “(1) UNITS.—The national climate service pro-
22 gram shall be divided into units by the Director or
23 Director’s designee. Each Civilian Climate Corps
24 member shall be assigned to a unit.

1 “(2) UNIT LEADERS.—The leader of each unit
2 shall be selected by the Director. The designated
3 leader shall accompany the unit throughout the pe-
4 riod of agreed service of the members of the unit.

5 “(h) CAMPUSES.—

6 “(1) UNITS MAY BE ASSIGNED TO CAMPUSES.—
7 The units of the national climate service program
8 may be grouped together as appropriate in campuses
9 for operational, support, and, when necessary,
10 boarding purposes. The Civilian Climate Corps cam-
11 pus for a unit shall be in a facility or central loca-
12 tion established as the operational headquarters for
13 the unit. When necessary and appropriate, Civilian
14 Climate Corps members may be housed in the cam-
15 puses or provided housing vouchers and support in
16 cases where boarding is not possible.

17 “(2) CAMPUS DIRECTOR.—There shall be a
18 campus director for each campus. The campus direc-
19 tor is the head of the campus, and preference shall
20 be given to hiring directors that are members of the
21 community in which a campus is situated.

22 “(3) FACILITIES.—Upon the establishment of
23 the program, the Director shall identify Federal fa-
24 cilities in consultation with the General Services
25 Agency and the advisory board that may be used, in

1 whole or in part, by the national climate service pro-
2 gram. Eligible facilities shall include existing cam-
3 puses operated by the Corporation and other pro-
4 grams, including Job Corps.

5 “(4) ELIGIBLE SITE FOR A CAMPUS.—A cam-
6 pus may be located in a facility described in para-
7 graph (3) or in another facility that the Director de-
8 termines is appropriate, including Job Corps facili-
9 ties.

10 “(i) ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE REQUIREMENT.—
11 The Director shall ensure that not less than 50 percent
12 of Civilian Climate Corps labor and investment under this
13 section supports climate service projects that are based in
14 under-resourced communities of need, of which, not less
15 than 10 percent of such funds for under-resourced com-
16 munities of need shall support projects that are based in
17 Indian country.

18 “(j) STANDARDS OF CONDUCT.—The campus direc-
19 tor of each campus shall establish and enforce standards
20 of conduct to promote healthy and productive conditions
21 in the campus and a spirit of service.

22 “(k) COORDINATION WITH LOCAL ENTITIES AND IN-
23 STITUTIONS.—The Director shall ensure that Civilian Cli-
24 mate Corps activities carried out under the national cli-
25 mate service program under this section are—

1 “(1) planned, and if appropriate, carried out, in
2 conjunction and coordination with the activities of
3 the Civilian Climate Corps Partners receiving grants
4 from the national climate service grant program, or
5 other entities performing activities that satisfy the
6 goals of climate service projects as described in sec-
7 tion 199T;

8 “(2) planned and implemented in a manner
9 that incorporates local knowledge and planning
10 wherever practicable, incorporating broad-based
11 input and partnership with the community served,
12 local community-based agencies, and local labor or-
13 ganizations; and

14 “(3) planned and implemented in a manner
15 that assists in the development of new programs
16 that may become Civilian Climate Corps Partner
17 programs in the local area where activities are car-
18 ried out, if local Civilian Climate Corps Partner pro-
19 grams do not exist.

20 “(1) PREVAILING WAGE REQUIREMENT FOR CON-
21 TRACTORS OR SUBCONTRACTORS.—Any contractor or sub-
22 contractor entering into a service contract in connection
23 with a project carried out under this section shall—

1 “(1) be treated as a Federal contractor or sub-
2 contractor for purposes of chapter 67 of title 41,
3 United States Code; and

4 “(2) pay each class of employee employed by
5 the contractor or subcontractor wages and fringe
6 benefits at rates in accordance with prevailing rates
7 for the class in the locality, or, where a collective
8 bargaining agreement covers the employee, in ac-
9 cordance with the rates provided for in the agree-
10 ment, including prospective wage increases provided
11 for in the agreement.

12 “(m) LABOR POLICIES FOR ENTITIES WORKING
13 WITH THE NATIONAL CLIMATE SERVICE PROGRAM.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The national climate serv-
15 ice program shall—

16 “(A) enter into agreements and coopera-
17 tion only with entities that pledge to remain
18 neutral in labor organizing efforts among em-
19 ployees who participate in activities related to
20 the agreement or cooperation with the Civilian
21 Climate Corps; and

22 “(B) enter into agreements and coopera-
23 tion only with entities that recognize for collec-
24 tive bargaining purposes, and commit to collec-
25 tively bargain with, any labor organization that

1 has a written majority authorization among em-
2 ployees who participate in activities related to
3 the agreement or cooperation with the Civilian
4 Climate Corps.

5 “(2) WRITTEN MAJORITY AUTHORIZATION.—In
6 this subsection, the term ‘written majority author-
7 ization’ means writings signed and dated by a ma-
8 jority of employees in any appropriate unit in the
9 form of authorization cards, petitions, or other suit-
10 able written evidence to designate a labor organiza-
11 tion as the representative of such employees for the
12 purpose of collective bargaining.

13 “(n) TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY.—The Director shall en-
14 sure that Civilian Climate Corps activities carried out
15 under the national climate service program that affect in-
16 dividuals in Indian country are carried out in a manner
17 that ensures that—

18 “(1) the sovereignty of Indian tribes and their
19 conservation efforts are maintained; and

20 “(2) the national climate service program oper-
21 ates in consultation with the affected individuals in
22 Indian country.

23 “(o) BUY AMERICAN.—To the maximum extent prac-
24 ticable, the Director shall ensure that—

1 “(1) the materials used to carry out projects
2 under this section are substantially manufactured,
3 mined, and produced in the United States in accord-
4 ance with chapter 83 of title 41, United States Code
5 (commonly known as the ‘Buy American Act’); and

6 “(2) when food and other agriculture commod-
7 ities are procured for activities carried out under
8 this section, at least 25 percent shall be grown and
9 processed within 250 miles of consumption, with a
10 priority for procuring food produced and processed
11 by socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers and
12 small businesses.

13 **“SEC. 199R. NATIONAL CLIMATE SERVICE GRANT PRO-**
14 **GRAM.**

15 “(a) ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director may provide
17 grants under this section to States, subdivisions of
18 States, territories, Indian tribes, public or private
19 nonprofit organizations, labor organizations, Federal
20 agencies, or institutions of higher education.

21 “(2) QUALIFIED YOUTH SERVICE OR CON-
22 SERVATION CORPS.—Notwithstanding any other pro-
23 vision of law and in accordance with subsection (h),
24 a qualified youth service or conservation corps pro-
25 gram that receives funds under subtitle C of this Act

1 may apply for a grant under this section while that
2 entity is a recipient of a grant under subtitle C, and
3 may receive a grant under this section after that en-
4 tity terminates the grant under subtitle C.

5 “(b) GRANTS AND SUBGRANTS PERMITTED.—The
6 Corporation may provide grants to entities under sub-
7 section (a) for the purpose of assisting the recipients of
8 the grants—

9 “(1) to carry out a full-time service project de-
10 scribed in section 199T; and

11 “(2) to make subgrants in support of other en-
12 tities so long as those other entities use the grant
13 funds to carry out a full-time service project de-
14 scribed in section 199T.

15 “(c) AGREEMENTS WITH FEDERAL AGENCIES.—At
16 the discretion of the Director, the Corporation may enter
17 into an interagency agreement, including a grant agree-
18 ment, with another Federal agency to support a service
19 project described in section 199T that is carried out or
20 otherwise supported by the agency that fulfills the project
21 requirements.

22 “(d) GRANTEES TO BE PARTNERS.—Entities receiv-
23 ing funds through grants or interagency agreements under
24 this section shall be considered Civilian Climate Corps
25 Partners.

1 “(e) PARTICIPANTS TO BE MEMBERS.—Individuals
2 selected to perform service projects implemented by the
3 Civilian Climate Corps Partners shall be members of the
4 Civilian Climate Corps.

5 “(f) PROVISION OF AUTHORIZED BENEFITS.—The
6 Director shall ensure that the Corporation provides par-
7 ticipants in a program under this section with the benefits
8 described in subsections (b), (d), and (f) of section 199S.
9 Each Civilian Climate Corps Partner administering a pro-
10 gram under this section shall provide participants in that
11 program with the benefits described in section 199S other
12 than those described in subsections (b), (d), and (f) of sec-
13 tion 199S.

14 “(g) NO MATCHING FUND REQUIREMENTS.—The
15 Corporation may provide 100 percent of the cost of car-
16 rying out a program that receives assistance under this
17 section, whether the assistance is provided directly to a
18 Civilian Climate Corps Partner or as a subgrant from the
19 Civilian Climate Corps Partner.

20 “(h) LIMITATION ON SAME ENTITY RECEIVING MUL-
21 TIPLE GRANTS.—Unless specifically authorized by law,
22 the Corporation may not provide a grant under this sec-
23 tion to an entity that is simultaneously receiving another
24 grant authorized under the national service laws.

1 “(i) PROGRAM ASSISTANCE.—The Corporation may
2 provide planning, operational, or replication assistance to
3 a qualified applicant that submits an application under
4 this section in the same manner as described in section
5 124.

6 “(j) ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE REQUIREMENT.—
7 The Director shall ensure that not less than 50 percent
8 of the funds made available to carry out this section (in-
9 cluding funds for grants allotted to States and grants
10 awarded to other entities) support climate service projects
11 that are based in under-resourced communities of need,
12 of which not less than 10 percent of such funds for under-
13 resourced communities of need shall support projects that
14 are based in Indian country.

15 “(k) DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS.—

16 “(1) ALLOTMENT TO STATES.—

17 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Corporation shall
18 reserve 30 percent of the funds made available
19 to carry out this section to allot funds in ac-
20 cordance with this subsection.

21 “(B) INDIAN TRIBE.—The Corporation
22 shall reserve 5 percent of the funds made avail-
23 able to carry out this subsection to award
24 grants to Indian tribes.

25 “(C) ALLOTMENT AMOUNTS.—

1 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clause
2 (ii), of the total amounts made available to
3 carry out this subsection, and not reserved
4 under subparagraph (B) for a fiscal year,
5 the Corporation shall allot to each State
6 that has an approved application an
7 amount that bears the same ratio to such
8 total amounts for that fiscal year as the
9 population of the State bears to the total
10 population of all States.

11 “(ii) MINIMUM AMOUNT.—Notwith-
12 standing clause (i), the minimum grant
13 made available to each State with an ap-
14 proved application for each fiscal year shall
15 be \$600,000.

16 “(2) COMPETITIVE GRANTS.—Of the funds
17 made available to carry out this section for a fiscal
18 year, the Corporation shall reserve 70 percent for
19 grants awarded on a competitive basis to States,
20 subdivisions of States, territories, Indian tribes, pub-
21 lic or private nonprofit organizations, labor organiza-
22 tions, Federal agencies, and institutions of higher
23 education.

24 “(3) APPLICATION REQUIRED.—The Corpora-
25 tion shall make an allotment of assistance or award

1 a competitive grant to a recipient under this sub-
2 section only pursuant to an application submitted by
3 a State or other applicant under subsection (n).

4 “(l) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—The Director shall
5 ensure that the number of individuals selected to perform
6 each service project implemented by a Civilian Climate
7 Corps Partner does not exceed—

8 “(1) the amount of funding available to the ap-
9 plicable Climate Corps Partner to support the
10 project, including the provision of benefits for each
11 such individual; and

12 “(2) the amount of funding available to the
13 Corporation to support and provide benefits to those
14 individuals.

15 “(m) AUTHORITY FOR FIXED-AMOUNT GRANTS.—
16 The Corporation may provide assistance in the form of
17 fixed-amount grants under this section in an amount de-
18 termined by the Corporation in the same manner and
19 under the same terms and conditions as fixed-amount
20 grants under section 129(l).

21 “(n) APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE.—To be eligible
22 to receive assistance under this section, a State, territory,
23 subdivision of a State, Indian tribe, public or private non-
24 profit organization, institution of higher education, Fed-
25 eral agency, or labor organization shall prepare and sub-

1 mit to the Director an application at such time, in such
2 manner, and containing such information as the Director
3 may reasonably require, including—

4 “(1) the types of permissible application mate-
5 rial described in section 130(b), except that para-
6 graph (11) of such subsection shall not apply;

7 “(2) the required application information de-
8 scribed in subsection (c) and (d) of section 130;

9 “(3) information describing how the applicant
10 proposes to address the goals of the grant program
11 under this section and the project requirements; and

12 “(4) an assurance that the Civilian Climate
13 Corps program carried out by the applicant using
14 assistance provided under this section and any pro-
15 gram supported by a grant made by the applicant
16 using such assistance will—

17 “(A) provide participants with the training,
18 skills, and knowledge necessary for the projects
19 that participants are called upon to perform,
20 and that such training may realistically lead to
21 local employment in similar fields after the
22 completion of the program;

23 “(B) provide support services to partici-
24 pants, such as the provision of appropriate in-
25 formation and support to those participants

1 transitioning to other educational and career
2 opportunities and those who are seeking to earn
3 the equivalent of a high school diploma;

4 “(C) coordinate with the Director to fulfill
5 the training and career development require-
6 ments described in section 199U;

7 “(D) provide in the design, recruitment,
8 and operation of the program for broad-based
9 input from—

10 “(i) the community served and poten-
11 tial participants in the program; and

12 “(ii) community-based agencies with a
13 demonstrated record of experience in pro-
14 viding services and local labor organiza-
15 tions representing employees of service
16 sponsors, if these entities exist in the area
17 to be served by the program;

18 “(E) ensure that any benefits provided by
19 the program meet the minimum requirements
20 set forth in section 199S, and ensure, through
21 coordination with the Director, that all mem-
22 bers of the Civilian Climate Corps receive all
23 such benefits;

24 “(F) refrain from interfering in the em-
25 ployee-management relations of Civilian Climate

1 Corps members in accordance with section
2 199W(d) or the compensation of such members
3 under subsections (b), (d), and (f) of section
4 199S;

5 “(G) apply evaluation and performance
6 goals methods equivalent to those in section
7 131(d); and

8 “(H) remain neutral with respect to the
9 exercise of the right to organize and collectively
10 bargain by Civilian Climate Corps members.

11 “(o) CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall apply
13 the criteria described in paragraphs (3) and (4) in
14 determining whether to approve an application sub-
15 mitted under subsection (n) and provide assistance
16 under this section to the applicant.

17 “(2) APPLICATION TO SUBGRANTS.—

18 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A State or other enti-
19 ty that uses assistance provided under this sec-
20 tion to support programs selected on a competi-
21 tive basis to receive a share of the assistance
22 shall use the criteria described in paragraphs
23 (3) and (4) when considering an application
24 submitted by such program.

1 “(B) CERTIFICATION.—The application of
2 the State or other entity under subsection (n)
3 shall contain a certification that the State or
4 other entity used these criteria in the selection
5 of programs to receive assistance, a description
6 of the positions into which participants will be
7 placed using such assistance, including descrip-
8 tions of specific tasks to be performed by such
9 participants, and descriptions of the minimum
10 qualifications that individuals shall meet to be-
11 come participants in such programs.

12 “(3) ASSISTANCE CRITERIA.—The criteria re-
13 quired to be applied in evaluating applications sub-
14 mitted under subsection (n) are—

15 “(A) the criteria described in section
16 133(c);

17 “(B) how the program will carry out activi-
18 ties described in section 199T; and

19 “(C) the extent to which the program is
20 equipped to deliver the benefits and training re-
21 quired under this subtitle.

22 “(4) APPRENTICESHIP PRIORITY.—

23 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In awarding grants
24 under this section on a competitive basis, the

1 Director shall give priority to applications from
2 entities that—

3 “(i) provide pre-apprenticeship oppor-
4 tunities for participants that result in posi-
5 tions in apprenticeships registered with the
6 Department of Labor or the State appren-
7 ticeship agency; or

8 “(ii) provide, as part of Civilian Cli-
9 mate Corps programming, apprenticeships
10 registered with the Department of Labor
11 or the State apprenticeship agency.

12 “(B) ADDITIONAL PRIORITY.—In the case
13 of entities described in subparagraph (A)(ii),
14 the Director shall give an additional priority to
15 entities that will—

16 “(i) impose utilization requirements
17 for apprenticeships registered under the
18 Act of August 16, 1937 (commonly known
19 as the ‘National Apprenticeship Act’; 50
20 Stat. 664, chapter 663; 29 U.S.C. 50 et
21 seq.) on the eligible projects; and

22 “(ii) comply with the apprentice to
23 journey worker ratios established for such
24 apprenticeships by the Department of

1 Labor or the State apprenticeship agency,
2 as applicable.

3 “(5) ALLOCATION TO HISTORICALLY BLACK
4 COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES AND MINORITY-SERV-
5 ING INSTITUTIONS.—In awarding grants under this
6 section on a competitive basis to institutions of high-
7 er education, the Director shall ensure that of all
8 funds under this section that are awarded to institu-
9 tions of higher education—

10 “(A) not less than 10 percent of those
11 funds shall be awarded to Historically Black
12 Colleges and Universities (which shall be de-
13 fined as institutions that are part B institutions
14 under section 322 of the Higher Education Act
15 of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1061)); and

16 “(B) not less than 10 percent shall be
17 awarded to other minority-serving institutions
18 (which shall be defined as eligible institutions
19 described in paragraphs (2) through (7) of
20 under section 371(a) of the Higher Education
21 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1067q(a)).

22 “(6) OTHER CONSIDERATIONS.—

23 “(A) GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY.—The Di-
24 rector shall ensure that recipients of assistance
25 provided under this section are geographically

1 diverse and represent urban and rural locales,
2 with a focus on under-resourced communities of
3 need.

4 “(B) AGE LIMITS.—The Director shall en-
5 sure that not less than 50 percent of the Civil-
6 ian Climate Corps Partners have no upper age
7 limits for participation.

8 “(C) REJECTION OF STATE APPLICANTS.—
9 Section 133(g) shall apply with respect to an
10 application submitted by a State Commission
11 under this section for funds described in sub-
12 section (k). The amount of any State’s allot-
13 ment under subsection (k) for a fiscal year that
14 the Corporation determines will not be provided
15 for that fiscal year may be used by the Cor-
16 poration to—

17 “(i) make grants (and provide benefits
18 in connection with such grants) to other
19 community-based entities under this sec-
20 tion that propose to carry out Civilian Cli-
21 mate Corps programs in such State or ter-
22 ritory; and

23 “(ii) make reallocations to other
24 States or territories with approved applica-
25 tions submitted under subsection (n), from

1 the allotment funds not used to make
2 grants as described in clause (i).

3 “(D) GENDER REPRESENTATION.—To the
4 greatest extent practicable, the Director shall
5 ensure inclusion and representation of all gen-
6 ders among participants.

7 “(E) TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY.—The Direc-
8 tor shall ensure that Civilian Climate Corps ac-
9 tivities carried out under this section that affect
10 individuals in Indian country are carried out in
11 a manner that ensures that—

12 “(i) the sovereignty of Indian tribes
13 and their conservation efforts are main-
14 tained; and

15 “(ii) the activities are carried out in
16 consultation with the affected individuals
17 in Indian country.

18 “(p) SELECTION OF PARTNER CORPS MEMBERS.—
19 The recruitment and selection of an individual to serve
20 in a climate service project of a Civilian Climate Corps
21 Partner shall be conducted by the entity to which the as-
22 sistance is provided under subsection (a).

23 “(q) RECRUITMENT AND PLACEMENT.—The Direc-
24 tor and each State Commission shall establish a system
25 to recruit participants in a climate service project of a Ci-

1 vilian Climate Corps Partner entity and to assist in place-
2 ment, and shall coordinate with other programs in the
3 Corporation to take advantage of existing systems as
4 much as possible. The Director and State Commissions
5 shall disseminate information regarding available positions
6 through cooperation with secondary schools, institutions
7 of higher education, employment service offices, State vo-
8 cational rehabilitation agencies, and language organiza-
9 tions.

10 “(r) FULL-TIME SERVICE.—An individual serving in
11 a climate service project of a Civilian Climate Corps Part-
12 ner Corps entity—

13 “(1) shall agree to participate in the program
14 sponsoring the position for a term of service that is
15 equal to not less than 1,700 hours during a period
16 of not more 10 to 12 months, as determined by the
17 Partner Corps entity; and

18 “(2) may serve in 2 terms of service, which do
19 not need to be consecutive terms.

20 **“SEC. 199S. BENEFITS FOR CIVILIAN CLIMATE CORPS MEM-**
21 **BERS.**

22 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall provide for
23 members of the Civilian Climate Corps to receive benefits
24 authorized by this section.

25 “(b) LIVING ALLOWANCE.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall provide
2 a living allowance to members of the Civilian Cli-
3 mate Corps for the period during which such mem-
4 bers are engaged in training or any activity on a Ci-
5 vilian Climate Corps project. Subject to paragraphs
6 (2), (3), and (4) and the duty to bargain under sec-
7 tion 199W(d), the Director shall establish the
8 amount of the allowance, except that in no event
9 shall such allowance be less than the equivalent of
10 \$17 per hour.

11 “(2) INCREASE.—The amount of the allowance
12 described in paragraph (1) shall increase yearly by
13 the annual percentage increase, if any, in the me-
14 dian hourly wage of all employees, as determined by
15 the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

16 “(3) WORK AS LABORER OR MECHANIC.—Not-
17 withstanding paragraphs (1) and (2), in the case of
18 a member who is engaged in construction, alteration,
19 or repair work as a laborer or mechanic under a Ci-
20 vilian Climate Corps project, the Director shall also
21 establish the amount of the allowance of such mem-
22 ber at the greater of—

23 “(A) the amount that would otherwise
24 apply under paragraphs (1) and (2); or

1 “(B) any amount not less than the equiva-
2 lent of the prevailing wage rate in the locality
3 in which the member is engaged in such
4 project, as determined by the Secretary of
5 Labor, in accordance with subchapter IV of
6 chapter 31 of title 40, United States Code.

7 “(4) WORK AS A MEMBER FURNISHING SERV-
8 ICES.—

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding
10 paragraphs (1) and (2), a member of the Civil-
11 ian Climate Corps who is not subject to para-
12 graph (3) and who is engaged in furnishing
13 services through a project of the Civilian Cli-
14 mate Corps, including such a member who is a
15 routine operations worker or routine mainte-
16 nance worker, shall (subject to subparagraph
17 (B)) be paid an allowance and receive fringe
18 benefits that are not less than the equivalent of
19 the minimum wage and fringe benefits estab-
20 lished in accordance with chapter 67 of title 41,
21 United States Code (commonly known as the
22 ‘Service Contract Act’).

23 “(B) REQUIREMENT.—In the case the al-
24 lowance required under subparagraph (A) is
25 less than the amount that would otherwise

1 apply under paragraphs (1) and (2), the allow-
2 ance of a member described in subparagraph
3 (A) shall be not less than the amount that
4 would otherwise apply under such paragraphs.

5 “(C) AUTHORITY.—With respect to this
6 paragraph, the Secretary of Labor shall have
7 the authority and functions set forth in chapter
8 67 of title 41, United States Code.

9 “(c) OTHER AUTHORIZED BENEFITS.—While active
10 as members of the Civilian Climate Corps, members shall
11 be provided the following benefits when necessary to com-
12 plete Corps activity, as the Director determines appro-
13 priate:

14 “(1) Allowances for travel expenses, personal
15 expenses, and other expenses.

16 “(2) Quarters.

17 “(3) Subsistence.

18 “(4) Transportation.

19 “(5) Equipment

20 “(6) Uniforms.

21 “(7) Supplies.

22 “(8) Other services determined by the Director
23 to be consistent with the purposes of the Program.

24 “(d) HEALTH CARE.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Each member of the Civil-
2 ian Climate Corps shall be entitled to the health care
3 benefit described in paragraph (2) for the duration
4 of the participant’s terms of service, as long as the
5 member does not receive an equivalent benefit from
6 a different source.

7 “(2) HEALTH CARE BENEFIT.—The health care
8 benefit described in this subsection is an amount
9 equal to the annual premium for a gold level health
10 plan for the member and any of the member’s de-
11 pendents purchased on the American Health Benefit
12 Exchange in the member’s State of residence, pro-
13 vided the member purchases a plan on the American
14 Health Benefit Exchange.

15 “(e) SUPPORTIVE SERVICES.—Each member of the
16 Civilian Climate Corps shall be provided with child care
17 services, counseling services, and other supportive services
18 when needed, as the Director determines appropriate.

19 “(f) EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Upon completion of a term
21 of service with the Civilian Climate Corps, a member
22 shall be entitled to receive an amount equal to not
23 more than \$25,000 for each term of service, which
24 the member shall apply to—

1 “(A) tuition and related expenses at an in-
2 stitution of higher education, as defined in sec-
3 tion 101 and 102(a)(1)(B) of the Higher Edu-
4 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001;
5 1002(a)(1)(B)); or

6 “(B) the repayment of a qualified student
7 loan as defined in section 148(b)(7).

8 “(2) NO ELIGIBILITY FOR SUBTITLE D
9 AWARD.—A Civilian Climate Corps member shall not
10 be eligible for the national service educational award
11 described in subtitle D.

12 **“SEC. 199T. SERVICE PROJECTS.**

13 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The service projects carried out
14 by the national climate service program and recipients of
15 grants from the national climate service grant program
16 shall help communities respond to climate change and
17 transition to a clean economy, through one or more of the
18 following activities:

19 “(1) Reducing carbon emissions, which may in-
20 clude—

21 “(A) weatherizing and retrofitting residen-
22 tial and non-residential buildings for energy ef-
23 ficiency and electrification and participating in
24 the construction of new net-zero buildings;

1 “(B) maintenance and operation of energy-
2 efficient and net-zero buildings and properties;

3 “(C) building energy-efficient affordable
4 housing units;

5 “(D) conducting energy audits;

6 “(E) recommending ways for households to
7 improve energy efficiency;

8 “(F) installing and upgrading public tran-
9 sit and electric vehicle infrastructure; and

10 “(G) installing clean energy infrastructure
11 in homes and small businesses, on farms, and
12 in communities.

13 “(2) Enabling a coordinated transition to re-
14 newable energy, which may include—

15 “(A) advising on climate and energy policy;

16 “(B) providing clean energy-related serv-
17 ices; and

18 “(C) expanding broadband access and
19 adoption.

20 “(3) Building healthier and pollution-free com-
21 munities, which may include—

22 “(A) working with schools and youth pro-
23 grams to educate students and youth about
24 ways to reduce home energy use and improve
25 the environment;

1 “(B) assisting in the development of local
2 recycling and composting programs;

3 “(C) renewing and rehabilitating public
4 and tribal lands and trails owned or maintained
5 by the Federal Government, an Indian tribe, a
6 State, a municipal or local government, or any
7 formal partners of those entities;

8 “(D) improving air quality or other pollu-
9 tion monitoring networks;

10 “(E) remediation of the effects of toxins
11 and other hazardous pollution, including lead
12 exposure in drinking water and the home;

13 “(F) building and maintaining green
14 stormwater management infrastructure;

15 “(G) creating and expanding local and re-
16 gional food systems; and

17 “(H) developing farm to institution dis-
18 tribution models to make schools, hospitals, and
19 other institutions healthier and more food resil-
20 ient.

21 “(4) Mitigating the effects of disasters and
22 other trends related to climate change, which may
23 include—

24 “(A) performing community resilience as-
25 sessments;

1 “(B) collecting and analyzing data related
2 to climate change and disasters;

3 “(C) advising and planning for community
4 resilience and adaptation;

5 “(D) building and maintaining resilient in-
6 frastructure;

7 “(E) conducting prescribed burns or en-
8 gaging in reforestation activity;

9 “(F) supporting the activities of local
10 emergency management agencies and programs;
11 and

12 “(G) advising and supporting farmers and
13 ranchers in the implementation of management
14 practices that account for climate change.

15 “(5) Preparing communities for disaster, which
16 may include—

17 “(A) organizing community-based resil-
18 iency coalitions and working groups;

19 “(B) providing disaster preparedness or
20 community emergency response team training
21 to community-based organizations and resi-
22 dents, including for animals in disasters;

23 “(C) providing education on climate
24 change, disaster, and resilience at community-
25 based organizations and schools; and

1 “(D) developing community climate resil-
2 ience hub infrastructure.

3 “(6) Recovering from disasters, which may in-
4 clude—

5 “(A) clearing debris;

6 “(B) repairing and rebuilding homes and
7 buildings;

8 “(C) replanting locally adapted native trees
9 and plants;

10 “(D) restoring habitat;

11 “(E) stabilizing shorelines and hillsides;
12 and

13 “(F) remediating and reclaiming dev-
14 astated land left by extractive industries.

15 “(7) Developing and implementing conservation
16 projects with climate benefits that are proven using
17 the best available science, which may include—

18 “(A) conserving, protecting, and restoring
19 habitat, especially habitat to threatened, endan-
20 gered, and at-risk species;

21 “(B) stabilizing shorelines or riparian
22 areas using green infrastructure such as native
23 wetlands;

24 “(C) removing invasive species and plant-
25 ing locally adapted native species;

1 “(D) collecting, storing, and propagating
2 native seeds and plant materials;

3 “(E) removing hazardous fuels within one-
4 quarter mile of dwellings and homes or one-
5 quarter mile around delineated communities;

6 “(F) planting and maintaining urban, trib-
7 al, and rural forests, trees, native grasslands,
8 and natural areas;

9 “(G) developing urban farms and gardens;

10 “(H) reforestation of native forest eco-
11 systems, afforestation, and other projects to
12 achieve demonstrable carbon sinks;

13 “(I) reclaiming unneeded roads and tracks
14 and restoring affected lands to natural condi-
15 tions;

16 “(J) restoring and managing wildlife cor-
17 ridors and habitat connectivity for native spe-
18 cies, including building wildlife crossings and
19 removing barriers to wildlife movement; and

20 “(K) assisting farmers and ranchers in a
21 transition to more regenerative farming and
22 ranching systems.

23 “(8) Additional projects to reduce greenhouse
24 gas emissions to keep temperatures below 1.5 de-
25 grees Celsius above pre-industrialized levels, tackle

1 pollution to promote environmental justice, and build
2 community prosperity and resilience in the face of
3 the climate crisis and economic transitions, as deter-
4 mined by the Director and in consultation with the
5 advisory board.

6 “(b) PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT TO REAL PROP-
7 erty PERMITTED.—The service projects carried out by
8 the national climate service program and recipients of
9 grants from the national climate service grant program
10 are permitted to expend funds under this subtitle that
11 make permanent improvement to real property not owned
12 by the United States Government, as long as labor for that
13 improvement is undertaken by Civilian Climate Corps
14 members.

15 **“SEC. 199U. TRAINING.**

16 “(a) COMMON CURRICULUM.—Each member of the
17 Civilian Climate Corps shall be provided with between two
18 and six weeks of training that includes a comprehensive
19 service-leaning curriculum designed to promote team
20 building, leadership, citizenship, and environmental stew-
21 ardship. The Director shall consult with the advisory
22 board to ensure that, to the extent practicable, training
23 is consistent for each member of the Civilian Climate
24 Corps.

1 “(b) **ADVANCED SERVICE TRAINING.**—Members of
2 the Civilian Climate Corps shall receive advanced training
3 in basic, project-specific skills that the members will use
4 in performing their community service projects.

5 “(c) **TRAINING PART OF SERVICE.**—Time under-
6 taken in training shall be considered part of the service
7 performed by members of the Civilian Climate Corps, and
8 the living allowance authorized in section 199S(b) shall
9 incorporate training hours into wage calculations.

10 “(d) **CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION.**—

11 “(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Each member of the Civil-
12 ian Climate Corps shall be provided with at least 4
13 weeks of training to improve job prospects in the
14 clean economy workforce.

15 “(2) **FOCUS.**—Training may be separate or
16 alongside Corps activities, and may include a focus
17 on energy conservation, environmental stewardship
18 or conservation, infrastructure improvement, sus-
19 tainable urban and rural development, climate resil-
20 iency needs, or other appropriate topics. Training
21 should include opportunities to earn professional cer-
22 tificates, wherever practicable. Training may also in-
23 clude professional development, such as resume and
24 cover letter writing, networking, and personal finan-
25 cial management.

1 “(3) FOLLOW UP SERVICES AND DATA COLLEC-
2 TION.—

3 “(A) SERVICES.—Following the termi-
4 nation of service, members of the Civilian Cli-
5 mate Corps who do not enroll as full-time stu-
6 dents shall receive between 9 and 12 months of
7 follow-up services to encourage career progres-
8 sion, in a manner determined by the Director.

9 “(B) DATA COLLECTION.—The Director
10 shall collect information about the career pro-
11 gression of former members of the Civilian Cli-
12 mate Corps.

13 “(4) CONSULTATION.—The Director shall con-
14 sult with the advisory board to ensure that appro-
15 priate steps are taken to make training specific to
16 local workforce and labor market needs, including
17 coordination and partnerships with other entities in-
18 cluding local labor groups and career and technical
19 education schools, and that academic credit may be
20 received where possible.

21 “(5) PRE-APPRENTICESHIP PIPELINE.—The Di-
22 rector shall consult with the advisory board to en-
23 sure that entities receiving funds under this subtitle
24 prioritize the formation of relationships with local

1 apprenticeship programs and the creation of pre-ap-
2 prenticeship pipelines.

3 “(e) COORDINATION WITH OTHER ENTITIES.—The
4 Civilian Climate Corps may provide, either directly or
5 through grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements, the
6 advanced service training referred to in subsection (b) and
7 the career and technical education training referred to in
8 subsection (d) in coordination with career and technical
9 education schools, community colleges, labor groups, other
10 employment and training providers, existing service pro-
11 grams, Job Corps, other qualified individuals, or organiza-
12 tions with expertise in training individuals, including dis-
13 advantaged individuals, in the skills described in such sub-
14 section.

15 **“SEC. 199V. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.**

16 “(a) SUPERVISION.—The Chief Executive Officer
17 shall monitor and supervise the Civilian Climate Corps au-
18 thorized to be established under section 199P. In carrying
19 out this section, the Chief Executive Officer shall—

20 “(1) approve such guidelines, including those
21 recommended by the advisory board, for design, se-
22 lection of members, operation of the national climate
23 service program, and distribution of grants to Civil-
24 ian Climate Corps Partners;

1 “(2) evaluate the progress of the Civilian Cli-
2 mate Corps, including programs carried out by the
3 Partner Corps entities, in accomplishing the purpose
4 set forth in section 1990; and

5 “(3) carry out any other activities determined
6 appropriate by the advisory board.

7 “(b) MONITORING AND COORDINATION.—The Chief
8 Executive Officer shall—

9 “(1) monitor the overall operation of the Civil-
10 ian Climate Corps;

11 “(2) coordinate the activities of the Corps with
12 other service and grant programs administered by
13 the Corporation; and

14 “(3) carry out any other activities determined
15 appropriate by the advisory board.

16 “(c) STAFF.—

17 “(1) DIRECTOR.—

18 “(A) APPOINTMENT.—Upon establishment
19 of the Program, the Chief Executive Officer
20 shall appoint a Director.

21 “(B) DUTIES.—The Director shall—

22 “(i) design, develop, and administer
23 the Civilian Climate Corps;

24 “(ii) be responsible for managing daily
25 operations of the national climate service

1 program and national climate service grant
2 program; and

3 “(iii) report to the Chief Executive
4 Officer.

5 “(2) AUTHORITY TO EMPLOY STAFF.—The Di-
6 rector may employ such staff as is necessary to
7 carry out this subtitle using funds available for this
8 subtitle or generally available to the Corporation for
9 the employment of staff. The Director shall, to the
10 maximum extent practicable, utilize in staff positions
11 personnel who are detailed from departments and
12 agencies of the Federal Government and, to the ex-
13 tent the Director considers appropriate, shall request
14 and accept detail of personnel from such depart-
15 ments and agencies in order to do so.

16 “(d) LABOR RELATIONS.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—

18 “(A) EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE STA-
19 TUS.—The Civilian Climate Corps shall be the
20 employer of its members, and such members
21 shall be the employees of the Civilian Climate
22 Corps, for purposes under this subsection of or-
23 ganizing a labor organization, collective bar-
24 gaining, and other employee-management rela-
25 tions.

1 “(B) DIRECTOR RESPONSIBILITIES.—To
2 the extent practicable, the Director shall en-
3 sure, in consultation with the advisory board,
4 that all members of the Civilian Climate Corps
5 are provided the opportunity to join a labor or-
6 ganization, as applicable, during the term of
7 their service. Such a labor organization shall, to
8 the greatest extent practicable, be local and rel-
9 evant to the service provided by such members.

10 “(C) EMPLOYEE-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS
11 PROVISIONS.—With respect to employee-man-
12 agement relations of the Civilian Climate Corps
13 and its members, the following shall apply:

14 “(i) Employee-management relations
15 shall, to the extent not inconsistent with
16 the provisions in this subtitle, be subject to
17 the provisions that apply to the employee-
18 management relations of the United States
19 Postal Service and its employees under
20 part II of title 39, United States Code.

21 “(ii) The Civilian Climate Corps shall
22 remain neutral in any labor organization
23 organizing effort.

24 “(iii) The Civilian Climate Corps shall
25 recognize for collective bargaining pur-

1 poses, and shall collectively bargain with,
2 any labor organization that has a written
3 majority authorization of a unit encom-
4 passing all members of the Civilian Cli-
5 mate Corps or any other unit determined
6 appropriate by the National Labor Rela-
7 tions Board.

8 “(iv) Members of the Civilian Climate
9 Corps shall have the right to strike, and
10 the Civilian Climate Corps shall not dis-
11 charge, discipline, or permanently replace
12 members for striking.

13 “(2) COMMENCEMENT OF COLLECTIVE BAR-
14 GAINING.—Not later than 10 days after receiving a
15 written request for collective bargaining from a labor
16 organization that has been newly recognized or cer-
17 tified as a representative under section 9(a) of the
18 National Labor Relations Act (29 U.S.C. 159(a)) of
19 members of the Civilian Climate Corps, or within
20 such further period as the parties agree upon, the
21 parties shall meet and commence to bargain collec-
22 tively and shall make every reasonable effort to con-
23 clude and sign a collective bargaining agreement.

1 “(3) MEDIATION AND CONCILIATION FOR FAIL-
2 URE TO REACH A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREE-
3 MENT.—

4 “(A) IN GENERAL.—If the parties have
5 failed to reach an agreement before the date
6 that is 90 days after the date on which bar-
7 gaining is commenced under paragraph (2), or
8 any later date agreed upon by both parties, ei-
9 ther party may notify the Director of the Fed-
10 eral Mediation and Conciliation Service of the
11 existence of a dispute and request mediation.

12 “(B) FEDERAL MEDIATION AND CONCILIA-
13 TION SERVICE.—Whenever a request is received
14 under subparagraph (A), the Director of the
15 Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service
16 shall promptly communicate with the parties
17 and use best efforts, by mediation and concilia-
18 tion, to bring them to agreement.

19 “(4) TRIPARTITE ARBITRATION PANEL.—

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—If the Director of the
21 Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service is
22 not able to bring the parties to agreement by
23 mediation or conciliation before the date that is
24 30 days after the date on which such mediation
25 or conciliation is commenced, or any later date

1 agreed upon by both parties, the Director of the
2 Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service
3 shall refer the dispute to a tripartite arbitration
4 panel established in accordance with such regu-
5 lations as may be prescribed by the Director of
6 the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service,
7 with one member selected by the labor organi-
8 zation, one member selected by the Civilian Cli-
9 mate Corps, and one neutral member mutually
10 agreed to by the parties.

11 “(B) DISPUTE SETTLEMENT.—A majority
12 of the tripartite arbitration panel shall render a
13 decision settling the dispute and such decision
14 shall be binding upon the parties for a period
15 of 2 years, unless amended during such period
16 by written consent of the parties. Such decision
17 shall be based on—

18 “(i) the financial status and prospects
19 of the Civilian Climate Corps;

20 “(ii) the size and type of the oper-
21 ations and business of the Civilian Climate
22 Corps;

23 “(iii) the cost of living of members of
24 the Civilian Climate Corps;

1 “(iv) the ability of members of the Ci-
2 vilian Climate Corps to sustain themselves,
3 their families, and their dependents on the
4 wages and benefits they earn from the Ci-
5 vilian Climate Corps; and

6 “(v) the wages and benefits that 7
7 other employers engaged in similar activi-
8 ties as the Civilian Climate Corps provide
9 their employees.

10 “(5) PROHIBITION ON SUBCONTRACTING FOR
11 CERTAIN PURPOSES.—The Civilian Climate Corps,
12 and any recipient of funding under section 199R,
13 may not engage in subcontracting for the purpose of
14 circumventing the terms of a collective bargaining
15 agreement with respect to wages, benefits, or work-
16 ing conditions.

17 “(6) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

18 “(A) PARTIES.—The term ‘parties’
19 means—

20 “(i) a labor organization that is newly
21 recognized or certified as a representative
22 under section 9(a) of the National Labor
23 Relations Act (29 U.S.C. 159(a)) of mem-
24 bers of the Civilian Climate Corps; and

25 “(ii) the Civilian Climate Corps.

1 “(B) WRITTEN MAJORITY AUTHORIZA-
2 TION.—The term ‘written majority authoriza-
3 tion’ means writings signed and dated by a ma-
4 jority of members of the Civilian Climate Corps
5 in a unit described in paragraph (1)(C)(iii) in
6 the form of authorization cards, petitions, or
7 other suitable written evidence to designate a
8 labor organization as the representative of such
9 members for the purpose of collective bar-
10 gaining.

11 **“SEC. 199W. STATUS OF CORPS MEMBERS AND CORPS PER-**
12 **SONNEL UNDER FEDERAL LAW.**

13 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided in
14 this section, members of the Civilian Climate Corps shall
15 not, by reason of their status as such members, be consid-
16 ered Federal employees or be subject to the provisions of
17 law relating to Federal employment.

18 “(b) WORK-RELATED INJURIES.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of subchapter
20 I of chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, relat-
21 ing to the compensation of Federal employees for
22 work injuries, participants in active service in the
23 national climate service program under section 199Q
24 shall be considered as employees of the United

1 States within the meaning of the term ‘employee’, as
2 defined in section 8101 of such title.

3 “(2) SPECIAL RULE.—In the application of the
4 provisions of subchapter I of chapter 81 of title 5,
5 United States Code, to a person referred to in para-
6 graph (1), the person shall not be considered to be
7 in the performance of duty while absent from the
8 person’s assigned post of duty unless the absence is
9 authorized in accordance with procedures prescribed
10 by the Director.

11 “(c) TORT CLAIMS PROCEDURE.—A participant in
12 active service in the national climate service program
13 under section 199Q shall be considered an employee of the
14 United States for purposes of chapter 171 of title 28,
15 United States Code, relating to tort claims liability and
16 procedure.

17 “(d) LABOR RELATIONS.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—

19 “(A) EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE STA-
20 TUS.—The Civilian Climate Corps shall be the
21 employer of its members, and such members
22 shall be the employees of the Civilian Climate
23 Corps, for purposes under this subsection of or-
24 ganizing a labor organization, collective bar-

1 gaining, and other employee-management rela-
2 tions.

3 “(B) DIRECTOR RESPONSIBILITIES.—To
4 the extent practicable, the Director shall en-
5 sure, in consultation with the advisory board,
6 that all members of the Civilian Climate Corps
7 are provided the opportunity to join a labor or-
8 ganization, as applicable, during the term of
9 their service. Such a labor organization shall, to
10 the greatest extent practicable, be local and rel-
11 evant to the service provided by such members.

12 “(C) EMPLOYEE-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS
13 PROVISIONS.—With respect to employee-man-
14 agement relations of the Civilian Climate Corps
15 and its members, the following shall apply:

16 “(i) Employee-management relations
17 shall, to the extent not inconsistent with
18 the provisions in this subtitle, be subject to
19 the provisions that apply to the employee-
20 management relations of the United States
21 Postal Service and its employees under
22 part II of title 39, United States Code.

23 “(ii) The Civilian Climate Corps shall
24 remain neutral in any labor organization
25 organizing effort.

1 “(iii) The Civilian Climate Corps shall
2 recognize for collective bargaining pur-
3 poses, and shall collectively bargain with,
4 any labor organization that has a written
5 majority authorization of a unit encom-
6 passing all members of the Civilian Cli-
7 mate Corps or any other unit determined
8 appropriate by the National Labor Rela-
9 tions Board.

10 “(iv) Members of the Civilian Climate
11 Corps shall have the right to strike, and
12 the Civilian Climate Corps shall not dis-
13 charge, discipline, or permanently replace
14 members for striking.

15 “(2) COMMENCEMENT OF COLLECTIVE BAR-
16 GAINING.—Not later than 10 days after receiving a
17 written request for collective bargaining from a labor
18 organization that has been newly recognized or cer-
19 tified as a representative under section 9(a) of the
20 National Labor Relations Act (29 U.S.C. 159(a)) of
21 members of the Civilian Climate Corps, or within
22 such further period as the parties agree upon, the
23 parties shall meet and commence to bargain collec-
24 tively and shall make every reasonable effort to con-
25 clude and sign a collective bargaining agreement.

1 “(3) MEDIATION AND CONCILIATION FOR FAIL-
2 URE TO REACH A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREE-
3 MENT.—

4 “(A) IN GENERAL.—If the parties have
5 failed to reach an agreement before the date
6 that is 90 days after the date on which bar-
7 gaining is commenced under paragraph (2), or
8 any later date agreed upon by both parties, ei-
9 ther party may notify the Director of the Fed-
10 eral Mediation and Conciliation Service of the
11 existence of a dispute and request mediation.

12 “(B) FEDERAL MEDIATION AND CONCILIA-
13 TION SERVICE.—Whenever a request is received
14 under subparagraph (A), the Director of the
15 Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service
16 shall promptly communicate with the parties
17 and use best efforts, by mediation and concilia-
18 tion, to bring them to agreement.

19 “(4) TRIPARTITE ARBITRATION PANEL.—

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—If the Director of the
21 Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service is
22 not able to bring the parties to agreement by
23 mediation or conciliation before the date that is
24 30 days after the date on which such mediation
25 or conciliation is commenced, or any later date

1 agreed upon by both parties, the Director of the
2 Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service
3 shall refer the dispute to a tripartite arbitration
4 panel established in accordance with such regu-
5 lations as may be prescribed by the Director of
6 the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service,
7 with one member selected by the labor organi-
8 zation, one member selected by the Civilian Cli-
9 mate Corps, and one neutral member mutually
10 agreed to by the parties.

11 “(B) DISPUTE SETTLEMENT.—A majority
12 of the tripartite arbitration panel shall render a
13 decision settling the dispute and such decision
14 shall be binding upon the parties for a period
15 of 2 years, unless amended during such period
16 by written consent of the parties. Such decision
17 shall be based on—

18 “(i) the financial status and prospects
19 of the Civilian Climate Corps;

20 “(ii) the size and type of the oper-
21 ations and business of the Civilian Climate
22 Corps;

23 “(iii) the cost of living of members of
24 the Civilian Climate Corps;

1 “(iv) the ability of members of the Ci-
2 vilian Climate Corps to sustain themselves,
3 their families, and their dependents on the
4 wages and benefits they earn from the Ci-
5 vilian Climate Corps; and

6 “(v) the wages and benefits that 7
7 other employers engaged in similar activi-
8 ties as the Civilian Climate Corps provide
9 their employees.

10 “(5) PROHIBITION ON SUBCONTRACTING FOR
11 CERTAIN PURPOSES.—The Civilian Climate Corps,
12 and any recipient of funding under section 199R,
13 may not engage in subcontracting for the purpose of
14 circumventing the terms of a collective bargaining
15 agreement with respect to wages, benefits, or work-
16 ing conditions.

17 “(6) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

18 “(A) PARTIES.—The term ‘parties’
19 means—

20 “(i) a labor organization that is newly
21 recognized or certified as a representative
22 under section 9(a) of the National Labor
23 Relations Act (29 U.S.C. 159(a)) of mem-
24 bers of the Civilian Climate Corps; and

25 “(ii) the Civilian Climate Corps.

1 “(B) WRITTEN MAJORITY AUTHORIZA-
2 TION.—The term ‘written majority authoriza-
3 tion’ means writings signed and dated by a ma-
4 jority of members of the Civilian Climate Corps
5 in a unit described in paragraph (1)(C)(iii) in
6 the form of authorization cards, petitions, or
7 other suitable written evidence to designate a
8 labor organization as the representative of such
9 members for the purpose of collective bar-
10 gaining.

11 **“SEC. 199X. ADVISORY BOARD.**

12 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE.—There shall
13 be established a Civilian Climate Corps Advisory Board
14 to advise the Director concerning the administration of
15 this subtitle and to assist the Corps in achieving the goals
16 of section 1990. The advisory board members shall help
17 coordinate activities with the national climate service pro-
18 gram and national climate service grant program as ap-
19 propriate, including training coordination and capacity
20 building for grant applications.

21 “(b) MEMBERSHIP.—The advisory board shall be
22 composed of the following members:

23 “(1) The Secretary of Labor.

24 “(2) Representatives from at least 2 labor orga-
25 nizations.

1 “(3) The Secretary of Energy.

2 “(4) The Administrator of the Environmental
3 Protection Agency.

4 “(5) At least two individuals appointed by the
5 Director from among persons representative of com-
6 munity organizations in under-resourced commu-
7 nities of need.

8 “(6) At least one representative from a Indian
9 tribe or indigenous community.

10 “(7) At least two individuals appointed by the
11 Director from among persons representative of lead-
12 ership in organizations representing communities of
13 color.

14 “(8) The Secretary of Transportation.

15 “(9) The Chief of the Forest Service.

16 “(10) The Secretary of the Interior.

17 “(11) The Director of the Bureau of Indian Af-
18 fairs.

19 “(12) The Secretary of Agriculture.

20 “(13) The Secretary of Education.

21 “(14) The Secretary of Defense.

22 “(15) The Secretary of Housing and Urban De-
23 velopment.

24 “(16) The Chief of the National Guard Bureau.

25 “(17) The Secretary of Commerce.

1 “(18) The Administrator of the Federal Emer-
2 gency Management Agency.

3 “(19) The Administrator of the National Oce-
4 anic and Atmospheric Administration.

5 “(20) The Chairman of the National Endow-
6 ment for the Arts.

7 “(21) Individuals appointed by the Director
8 from among persons who are broadly representative
9 of educational institutions, voluntary organizations,
10 public and private organizations, youth, scientific ex-
11 perts, and environmental justice organizations.

12 “(22) The Chief Executive Officer.

13 “(c) DUTIES.—

14 “(1) OVERSEE EFFECTIVE PROGRAM IMPLE-
15 MENTATION.—The advisory board shall oversee ef-
16 fective implementation of the Civilian Climate Corps
17 in accordance with the Climate Corps roadmap
18 under section 199Y, which shall include—

19 “(A) collecting data and reporting on
20 Corps activity based on the benchmarks for suc-
21 cess determined in section 199Y(b)(4);

22 “(B) ensuring that resources are distrib-
23 uted to advance the program’s principles of eq-
24 uity and environmental justice;

1 “(C) expanding on and providing resources
2 for grantee training, expertise development, and
3 grant application capacity building in under-
4 resourced communities of need;

5 “(D) liaising with Federal agencies to co-
6 ordinate grants to fulfill needs for Civilian Cli-
7 mate Corps labor; and

8 “(E) ensuring unity of message and pur-
9 pose across the Civilian Climate Corps, includ-
10 ing with Civilian Climate Corps Partners.

11 “(2) ORGANIZE GREEN CAREERS OPPORTUNI-
12 TIES.—The advisory board shall assist the Chief Ex-
13 ecutive Officer in organizing and making available
14 career development resources for the career and
15 technical education component of the Civilian Cli-
16 mate Corps, in partnership and cooperation with ap-
17 propriate Federal agencies, educational institutions,
18 and labor organizations, which shall—

19 “(A) support the development of appren-
20 ticeship and pre-apprenticeship corps programs
21 as a priority of the Civilian Climate Corps;

22 “(B) coordinate and organize career train-
23 ing and financial support opportunities for
24 members of the Civilian Climate Corps to enter
25 into green career pathways;

1 “(C) help expand apprenticeship programs
2 and find pathways into union jobs for Corps
3 participants;

4 “(D) mobilize and provide access to sup-
5 port and retraining for workers displaced by the
6 fossil fuel industry who participate in Corps
7 programs; and

8 “(E) create an easy-to-use website and
9 other tools for the use of Civilian Climate Corps
10 in career and technical education and planning.

11 **“SEC. 199Y. PLAN FOR CIVILIAN CLIMATE CORPS.**

12 “(a) ROADMAP FOR THE CIVILIAN CLIMATE
13 CORPS.—The Chief Executive Officer shall, with guidance
14 from the advisory board, establish a roadmap for the Civil-
15 ian Climate Corps program (referred to in this section as
16 the ‘Climate Corps roadmap’).

17 “(b) CONTENTS OF PLAN.—The Climate Corps road-
18 map shall include the following:

19 “(1) A plan to—

20 “(A) establish the number of positions in
21 the national climate service program of the Ci-
22 vilian Climate Corps as—

23 “(i) 50,000 for the fiscal year 2024;

24 “(ii) 100,000 for the fiscal year 2025;

1 “(iii) 175,000 for the fiscal year
2 2026;

3 “(iv) 275,000 for the fiscal year 2027;
4 and

5 “(v) 400,000 for the fiscal year 2028;

6 “(B) establish the number of positions in
7 the national climate service grant program of
8 the Civilian Climate Corps as—

9 “(i) 25,000 for the fiscal year 2024;

10 “(ii) 50,000 for the fiscal year 2025;

11 “(iii) 85,000 for the fiscal year 2026;

12 “(iv) 140,000 for the fiscal year 2027;

13 and

14 “(v) 200,000 for the fiscal year 2028;

15 and

16 “(C) maintain the requirements for serving
17 under-resourced communities of need in accord-
18 ance with this subtitle.

19 “(2) The identification of Federal programs
20 and agencies that can engage the labor of the Civil-
21 ian Climate Corps and facilitate partnerships and
22 funding relationships.

23 “(3) Principles of equity and environmental jus-
24 tice to guide the work of the Civilian Climate Corps.

1 “(4) Benchmarks for the success of the Civilian
2 Climate Corps.

3 “(5) Identification of under-resourced commu-
4 nities of need, defined as regions and communities
5 most in need of Civilian Climate Corps labor and
6 workforce development.

7 “(6) Identification and cataloging of funding
8 streams for Partners Corps entities.

9 “(7) Identifying and cataloging of resources for
10 grantee training, expertise development, and grant
11 application capacity building for under-resourced
12 communities of need.

13 “(8) Cataloging work already being done to-
14 wards climate resiliency and clean economy transi-
15 tions to ensure Civilian Climate Corps efforts are
16 additive and not duplicative.

17 “(9) A plan to increase the participation of op-
18 portunity youth in the Civilian Climate Corps (de-
19 fined as ‘out-of-school youth’ under section
20 129(a)(1)(B) of the Workforce Innovation and Op-
21 portunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3164(a)(1)(B)), including
22 through coordination with Job Corps.

23 “(c) IMPLEMENTATION.—Subject to the availability
24 of appropriations and quality service opportunities, the
25 Corporation shall implement the Climate Corps roadmap,

1 including establishing the positions described in subsection
2 (b)(1).”.

3 **SEC. 4. PRIORITIZING AND SUPPORTING CLIMATE RE-**
4 **SPONSE.**

5 (a) PRIORITIES.—

6 (1) AMERICORPS STATE AND NATIONAL.—Sec-
7 tion 122(f) of the National and Community Service
8 Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12572(f)) is amended—

9 (A) in paragraph (1)—

10 (i) in subparagraph (A), by adding at
11 the end the following: “The Corporation
12 shall include, in the national service prior-
13 ities, the priorities described in paragraph
14 (5).”; and

15 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by adding at
16 the end the following: “Each State shall
17 include, in the State priorities, the prior-
18 ities described in paragraph (5).”; and

19 (B) by adding at the end the following:

20 “(5) CLIMATE PROJECTS.—The priorities estab-
21 lished under paragraph (1) for national service pro-
22 grams shall provide that the Corporation and the
23 States, as appropriate, shall give priority to entities
24 submitting applications that propose activities di-
25 rectly related to the response to the climate crisis

1 and transition to a clean economy, as described in
2 section 199T.”.

3 (2) AMERICORPS NCCC.—Section 157(b)(1) of
4 the National and Community Service Act of 1990
5 (42 U.S.C. 12617(b)(1)) is amended by adding at
6 the end the following:

7 “(C) PRIORITY PROJECTS.—For fiscal
8 years 2024 through 2033, the Corporation shall
9 give priority to entities submitting applications
10 for projects under this subtitle in the same
11 manner as the Corporation gives priority to en-
12 tities submitting applications for national serv-
13 ice programs under section 122(f)(5).”.

14 (3) AMERICORPS VISTA.—Section 109 of the
15 Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C.
16 4960) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
17 lowing: “For fiscal years 2024 through 2033, the
18 Corporation shall give priority to entities submitting
19 applications for projects or programs under this part
20 in the same manner as the Corporation gives pri-
21 ority to entities submitting applications for national
22 service programs under section 122(f)(5) of the Na-
23 tional and Community Service Act of 1990.”.

24 (b) ALLOWANCES.—

1 (1) DOMESTIC VOLUNTEER SERVICE ACT OF
2 1973.—Section 105(b)(2) of the Domestic Volunteer
3 Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4955(b)(2)) is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 “(2) The Director shall set the subsistence allowance
6 for volunteers under paragraph (1) for each fiscal year
7 so that—

8 “(A) the minimum allowance is not less than an
9 amount equal to the equivalent of \$17 per hour over
10 the course of service; and

11 “(B) the average subsistence allowance, exclud-
12 ing allowances for Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa,
13 and Alaska, is not less than 10 percent greater than
14 the amount described in subparagraph (A).”; and

15 (2) NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ACT
16 OF 1990.—Section 158(b) of the National and Com-
17 munity Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12618(b)) is
18 amended, in the second sentence, by striking “any
19 amount not in excess of the amount equal to 100
20 percent of the poverty line that is applicable to a
21 family of two (as defined by the Office of Manage-
22 ment and Budget and revised annually in accordance
23 with section 673(2) of the Community Services
24 Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9902(2))” and inserting
25 “any amount not less than the equivalent of \$17 per

1 hour over the course of service and not in excess of
2 the equivalent of \$34 per hour over the course of
3 service.”.

4 (3) NATIONAL SERVICE EDUCATIONAL
5 AWARDS.—Section 147(a) of the National and Com-
6 munity Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12603(a)) is
7 amended by inserting “twice” before “the maximum
8 amount of a Federal Pell Grant”.

9 (c) MATCHING FUNDS.—Section 121(e)(1) of the Na-
10 tional and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.
11 12571(e)(1)) is amended by striking “75 percent” and in-
12 serting “100 percent”.

13 (d) LIMITATION.—A stipend or allowance under sec-
14 tion 105 of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973
15 (42 U.S.C. 4955) or an allowance under section 140 of
16 the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42
17 U.S.C. 12594) shall not be increased, unless the funds ap-
18 propriated for carrying out part A of title I of the Domes-
19 tic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4951 et seq.)
20 or subtitle C of the National and Community Service Act
21 of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12571 et seq.), respectively, are suffi-
22 cient to increase for the fiscal year involved the number
23 of participants to serve under that part A or that subtitle
24 C, respectively, so that such number is greater than the

1 number of such participants so serving during the pre-
2 ceding fiscal year.

3 **SEC. 5. SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS.**

4 (a) FUNDING FOR THE CIVILIAN CLIMATE CORPS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be
6 appropriated to carry out subtitle K of title I of the
7 National and Community Service Act of 1990, as
8 added by section 3 of this Act, (excluding the bene-
9 fits described in paragraphs (2) and (3)),
10 \$70,000,000,000 for fiscal years 2024 through
11 2028.

12 (2) FUNDING FOR EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS.—

13 There are authorized to be appropriated for the edu-
14 cational benefits described in section 199S of the
15 National and Community Service Act of 1990, as
16 added by section 3, \$37,500,000,000 for fiscal years
17 2024 through 2028.

18 (3) FUNDING FOR HEALTH CARE BENEFITS.—

19 There are authorized to be appropriated for the
20 health care benefits described in section 199S of the
21 National and Community Service Act of 1990, as
22 added by section 3, such sums as may be necessary
23 for fiscal years 2024 through 2028.

24 (b) AMERICORPS STATE AND NATIONAL; EDU-
25 CATIONAL AWARDS.—Section 501(a)(2) of the National

1 and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.
2 12681(a)(2)) is amended by striking “each of fiscal years
3 2010 through 2014” and all that follows through the end
4 of the paragraph and inserting “fiscal years 2024 through
5 2028, in addition to any amount appropriated before the
6 date of enactment of the Civilian Climate Corps for Jobs
7 and Justice Act, additional amounts of—

8 “(A) \$5,000,000,000, to provide financial
9 assistance under subtitle C of title I; and

10 “(B) \$3,000,000,000, to provide national
11 service educational awards under subtitle D of
12 title I for the total of the number of partici-
13 pants described in section 121(f)(1) for fiscal
14 years 2024 through 2028.”.

15 (c) ADMINISTRATION BY THE CORPORATION AND
16 STATE COMMISSIONS.—Section 501(a)(5)(A) of such Act
17 (42 U.S.C. 12681(a)(5)(A)) is amended by striking “such
18 sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2010
19 through 2014.” and inserting “in addition to any amount
20 appropriated before the date of enactment of the Civilian
21 Climate Corps for Jobs and Justice Act, an additional
22 amount of \$5,000,000,000 for fiscal years 2024 through
23 2028.”.

24 (d) AMERICORPS NCCC.—Section 501(a)(3)(A) of
25 such Act (42 U.S.C. 12681(a)(3)(A)) is amended by strik-

1 ing “such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal
2 years 2010 through 2014.” and inserting “in addition to
3 any amount appropriated before the date of enactment of
4 the Civilian Climate Corps for Jobs and Justice Act, an
5 additional amount of \$1,000,000,000 for fiscal years 2024
6 through 2028.”.

7 (e) AMERICORPS VISTA.—Section 501 of the Domes-
8 tic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 5081) is
9 amended—

10 (1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking
11 “\$100,000,000 for fiscal year 2010 and such sums
12 as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years
13 2011 through 2014.” and inserting “, in addition to
14 any amount appropriated before the date of enact-
15 ment of the Civilian Climate Corps for Jobs and
16 Justice Act, an additional amount of
17 \$1,000,000,000 for fiscal years 2024 through
18 2028.”; and

19 (2) in subsection (d), by striking the period and
20 inserting “, except that any amount authorized to be
21 appropriated under an amendment made by the Ci-
22 vilian Climate Corps for Jobs and Justice Act shall
23 remain available for obligation through fiscal year
24 2028.”.

1 **SEC. 6. EXCLUSION FROM GROSS INCOME OF NATIONAL**
2 **SERVICE EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (2) of section 117(c)
4 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

5 (1) by striking “or” at the end of subparagraph

6 (B),

7 (2) by striking the period at the end of sub-
8 paragraph (C) and inserting a comma, and

9 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
10 paragraphs:

11 “(D) subtitle D of title I of the National
12 and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.
13 12601 et seq.) as an educational award, or

14 “(E) subtitle K of title I of such Act as an
15 educational benefit.”.

16 (b) EXCLUSION OF DISCHARGE OF STUDENT LOAN
17 DEBT.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (4) of section
19 108(f) of such Code is amended—

20 (A) by striking “received under” and in-
21 serting “received—

22 “(A) under”, and

23 (B) by striking the period at the end and
24 inserting “, or

25 “(B) under subtitle D of title I of the Na-
26 tional and Community Service Act of 1990 (42

1 U.S.C. 12601 et seq.) as an educational award
2 or under subtitle K of title I of such Act as an
3 educational benefit.”.

4 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The heading
5 for paragraph (4) of section 108(f) of such Code is
6 amended by striking “UNDER NATIONAL HEALTH
7 SERVICE CORPS LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM AND
8 CERTAIN STATE LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAMS” and
9 inserting “UNDER CERTAIN LOAN REPAYMENT PRO-
10 GRAMS”.

11 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
12 this section shall apply to taxable years ending after the
13 date of the enactment of this Act.

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