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Members of the Committee

I am Tim Mathern. As an appointee of the Governor I serve on the North Dakota State Commission on National and Community Service. This is operational through the Commerce Department and referred to as Serve ND.

We established this program as a way to use federal money to promote volunteerism and community service.

The National and Community Service Act of 1990 was signed into law by President George H.W. Bush to increase volunteerism in the United States. The act established the Commission on National and Community Service, an independent federal agency that supports four types of service: Service-learning programs for school-aged youth, Higher education service programs, Youth corps, and National service demonstration models.

The act's goals include:

- Renewing the ethic of civic responsibility
- Expanding educational opportunities
- Encouraging citizens to engage in national service
- Providing tangible benefits to the communities where national service is performed

The bill before you attempts to exclude the Segal AmeriCorps Education Award received by volunteers from North Dakota income tax. The Department of Commerce has staff here to give you the detail. This program is important to our communities and I ask for a DO PASS recommendation from your committee. Please address questions to Commerce staff.

Thank you.